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Sheldon Jackson.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania,
Monday, March 18, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,

My Dear Friend:

Your letter is at hand. I will forward the other Indian letter as soon as I have time to write it. I cannot find out Mrs. Green's address. Dr. Dickson or some of the N. Y. men would know and then her pastor could be interviewed. Is Mrs. Newkirk too old or infirm for a Vice P.? That would give us the Central Ch. and a Phila. holding. I wish I could go to Pittsburg but I do not see how I can. My six girls need my constant supervision, to say nothing of 4 classes daily & the devious ways of the kitchen divinities to look narrowly into -- a week would be a long absence for one so busy. Then there is the expense, and added to all the fact that I should not be able to do enough real good or work to pay for the time, distance, &c. The organization would not be altered by my being there as long as the rest of you are on hand. As to the great pleasure of being there of that I need not speak it may be taken for granted. I still hope that the 2 churches of Carlisle may try and support a Missionary, but fear the lack of unity between the congregations and the hesitation about giving until one feels it will prevent. What a blessed time it will be when all Churches of Christ feel that they are one in Christ and that all they have is His.

In haste
Very Truly,
I. Mc Nair Wright.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 2/78.

My dear Mrs. Paxton:

Excuse the liberty I take of writing to you again. It is possible I may be able to come to the meeting of the General Assembly -- in which case it will be very pleasant to me to see you face to face -- My special object this evening is to know whether you think a meeting of Christian women could be held in some lecture-room, in the interest of Home Missions? We would have an address from Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson -- and one of the Secretaries and perhaps some Home Missionary -- and perhaps have prayer and conference regarding this great matter by ourselves. It has been usual for the last seven years to have a meeting of this kind in the interest of Foreign Missions during the session of the Assembly. It is appointed after the cause is discussed in the Assembly.

I do not know whether this will be carried out any longer. The ladies find it hard to give up attendance at the general meeting in order to hold one of their own. --- So it may not be attempted at Pittsburg. But probably you can find out. In any case I hope we can have a meeting together for prayer, and conference.

I write by this mail to Rev. Dr. S. H. Kellogg also. He probably knows what will be convenient and practicable for us to do. What comfort in the promise "I will guide thee with mine eye". To have the will of the Lord done is the only question for us.

Yrs. truly & affect'ly

F. E. H. Haines.

Cincinnati, O., May /78.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 1" is at hand. The subject of the letter is one on which I have thought much during the last few months.(Personal reference aside). I expected that the organization would be effected and if more can be done for Christ's cause by such organization I shall greatly rejoice with all others interested in it.

Woman power is only begun to be developed. Comparatively few of the Presbyterian women of this country have set themselves in battle array against the hosts of sin. What a large company in the church yet uncommitted to any special work, and of these a large proportion, when appealed to for anything else express their decided preference for Home Mission Work. Among these are able women strong to do, who only wait a development Disorganization of what is already settled seems to me very unfortunate and unnecessary. If all the women were engaged, and none left to begin a new work, I could easily see the need of a division. But such a state of affairs is so far from the truth that I think it unwise to leave any out, and call for those already committed to one object. Of course I know not who has expressed a desire for my poor services, but I frankly say that I do not see my way clear to say yes to your request. I would not magnify the importance of my name to either society, but prefer at present to let it remain where it is. I suggest to you the name of Mrs. Dr. E. D. Morris, who I know prefers Home Mission Work. She is an able, educated woman, ask her to open the way here and you and all others will see that we who are working for Foreign Missions will not be slow to follow her leadership in helping our country women.

Very respectfully yours
in Christ's work,
Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler.

Vinton, Burton Co., Iowa.
May 6th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have not forgotten my promise to send you some report of what the women of Iowa are doing for Home Missions. Really there seems to be almost nothing to report. Almost ten years ago, the women of Cedar Rapids and Vinton began to work for Foreign Missions God has extended the work and blessed it. Many of our local societies through the state, work for Home and Foreign Missions, but in the large part of our churches, what the women do for Home Missions is done at the annual collection, for that Board. More might be done as well as not and not detract in the least from the interest in Foreign work. Indeed as you affirm in your last issue, "It will not divide, but will double." Five hundred dolla[illegible]ere contributed to Home Missions the past year by the Presbyterian women of Iowa; two-thirds of that sum was raised by the women of Cedar Rapids 1st Church, the only one in the state that has a Woman's Home Mission Society. The value of boxes sent out to Missionaries was $637.

We have many women in our church who constantly affirm that they are more in favor of Home Missions than of Foreign, and we have said to them, for more than a year, Organize a Home Mission Society and we will join you. But as yet nothing of the kind has been done. We have determined to wait no longer for that class but go forward and organize speedily, and I trust by the return of of this time next year we may be able to report better things. I am thankful for your visit to Cedar Rapids, and while I regretted for your sake the friction that was felt on Wednesday, I am sure the Lord overruled it for good, and that you were fully vindicated. As proof of of that you will turn to the last Interior. It is One work, a Grand and Noble work, and I feel that there is no need, nay more, no excuse for any discord among the different divisions of the army of our lard. There is so much to be done we cannot stop to differ. Whatever helps one part will help the whole. The Lord bless you abundantly in your work is the prayer of

Yours,
Mrs. J. F. Young.

Des Moines, May 7th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 2d, in regard to the organization of a Woman's Board of Home Missions, has been received, and I have given it careful consideration.

I regret to be obliged to reply that I must decline having my name suggested as one of the Vice Presidents. My reasons are, that my present limited sphere of work as Secretary and Treasurer of our Presbyterial Missionary Society is as large as I can fill. The office you suggest, must have duties connected with it. I should be unable to attend the meetings of the organization unless they happened to be in my own neighborhood.

But as the local Societies in this Presbytery are working for both Home and Foreign Missions, I shall be glad to aid in any way, in a more limited sphere, the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions if one is organized.

I shall watch the result of the Convention at Pittsburgh with a great deal of interest, and I hope it may be abundantly blessed of God.

Yours Respectfully,
Mrs. J. A. Blanchard.

Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas,
May 9, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your answer to your's of May 2nd is delayed, on account of absence from Chicago.

I was notified this winter, of my appointment by the "Synod of Illinois" on the "Home Mission Board". I was obliged to decline on account of my duties as Secretary of the "Foreign Board", and not for any lack of interest in Home Missions.

I regret that you were not informed of my declination, so that some one could have been appointed in my place. I shall be obliged to decline the "Vice Presidency" which you so kindly suggest, for the same reason. My sympathies are with your work, and my cooperation in any way consistent with my strength.

Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. H. F. Waite.

Albany, May 9, 1878.
226 State Street.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Friend.

Yours of the 2nd is at hand. I thank you most heartily for the honor that you confer upon me by asking me to represent the Synod of Albany in the great home mission work of the Church.

It is from no lack of interest in this work that I decline to serve in this capacity, but only because time and strength will not admit of my serving officially in both the home and the foreign work, and I can not feel that my work is done in the foreign society. In our Albany city churches as you no doubt know, both home and foreign societies are organized and are doing efficient work. Outside of the city I do not know so much about it, but my experience has been that very few churches that are interested in foreign work fail in the home department. But this rule does not always work both ways, as we find many persons who will *only* do for the home work.

I have tried to think of a name to give you to represent the Synod. I know of plenty of women that *could* do it but not one that is willing. And in saying this I do not by any means intend to reflect on the ability or the consecration of our ladies, but only to tell you how hard it is to find a lady who is willing to take the responsibility of such an undertaking, or who has confidence enough in her own gifts to be easily persuaded to it. I am inclined to think that you will have to try your persuasive powers *personally* in this vicinity, and then I believe you will get the right woman. I am glad you are going to have *one* grand society and for its success and its noble work I will pray and work with an earnest heart. The home work is just as dear to me as the foreign work is, and I have no fear whatever that one society will work against the other. Any jealousy between these two departments of Christian work seems to me absurd, and wicked, and I believe every Christian woman in the land should be thoroughly alive to the needs of both.

With regards
Yours very truly,
Mrs. Arch. McClure.

Buffalo, May 11th, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am much interested in the subjects of your letter of May 2, and hope such a meeting as you suggest will be held and do much good. I well remember the one held in Hershey Hall, Chicago, one year ago and have felt its influence ever since. I think possibly my sister Mrs. Huntington of Cleveland,may attend;as to the Vice Presidency, I shall endeavor to do what I can in work, consistent with other duties, and my condition of health.

No Home Missionary Society has as yet been formed for our Synod. It appointed, at its last session, a Committee of Ladies for each Presbytery, for supervising Home and Foreign Missions. The Committee expected to report to Presbytery. The appointments in most cases have been wise, but it is a lamentable fact that the Pastors do not always know, who are the best workers,in the cause of Home or Foreign Missions, in their own churches, and so in some cases nothing is done by the wrong person being named. I will send the Report made by the Home Mission Committee to the Buffalo Presbytery, and you can extract such facts from it, as may serve your purpose, and the good and holy cause you are so zealously and busily seeking to promote.

I inclose $1.00 for subscr.for "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian", which fails to reach me of late for some reason, perhaps because of delay in forwarding the money. I really wish more copies of this were sent here. A children's Association (Missionary) in Lafayette St. Ch. need its information. Will you not send it to Miss Lucy T. Lander, 145 S. Division St., one of the officers, also to Rev. H. M. Parson, Pastor, 151 W.Chippewa St. This children's association think of taking a scholarship in the Salt Lake Institute; and want to name it for their late Pastor, Dr. G. W. Heacock. I should like more of the leaflets enclosed in your letter. Please let me know where to send for them. They should go to each church in a Presbytery.

Why is not Mr. M'Millan provided for at Manti? Is his work valuable and do the H. Missionary Society encourage individuals or societies to help such a man. We are interested in him but as yet have not found any one to take up his case, as an individual. We hope to help Mrs [illegible] children more than simply to pay her salary, but as yet have not sent her anything.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Henry Childs,
141 Del Ave.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 14, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your complimentary letter of May 2nd which was received the 8th inst., and now lies before me; in answer to which I will state, that the Presbyterian women in the Synod of Tennessee, have already organized and arranged their Missionary work under the name of the "Synodical Missionary Society of Tennessee, which combines both the Foreign and Home Mission work, and over that Society I have been chosen the President. The various auxiliary societies in our East Tenn. in almost every case, divide their contributions between the Home and Foreign work. It seems to me entirely inexpedient to make any change in the Constitution of these societies as at present organized. Having received the consent, and cooperation of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions in New York, we have pledged our means and efforts towards the advancement of the cause of Christ in our own State. If, however, the vice Presidency of the Society, which you contemplate organizing, should not require us to make any change in our constitution, &c., but simply to forward the work of Home Missions in this Synod, I would be willing to serve the cause to the best of my ability, should it seem good to the society to choose me for such a position

I wish your contemplated organization "God Speed" and hope it may do much toward building up the waste places of God's kingdom in our own land.

Very Respectfully Yours, Mrs. C. J. McClung.

New York, May 15th, 1878.
225 Madison Avenue.

My dear Mrs. Paxton,

I received a letter yesterday from Mr. Sheldon Jackson dated May 7th, in which he speaks of desiring to form a Woman's Home Missionary Society for the whole Church, and have it located in New York City. I think he could not be aware that we already have a Woman's H. M. Society auxiliary to the American . H. M. Society of the Presbyterian Church in which all our best, most active ladies are working, and they would regret very much to have any effort made, of the kind to which he refers. We unite our Foreign and Home Missionary Work in one society to save having so many different organizations. We have so many different societies connected with our churches that we feel that our Mission work is done more effectually by uniting the two. I hope he will not take any means to carry out such a plan.

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Jesup of Beirut Syria, have just arrived at our house this morning with six of their children, to spend two or three weeks before settling for the summer at Mrs. Judge Jesup their Mother's in Montrose, penn. We shall enjoy their stay very much as they have been such devoted faithful Missionaries for so many years.

Mr. Jackson desired me to address my reply to you, and believe me

Very truly yours,
Melissa P. Dodge.

La Porte, Ind., Thursday May 16, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

Your letter dated Denver, May 2nd, was duly received, and I have given some thought to its contents. I certainly feel a very deep interest in the work of Home Missions, as I do also in that of the Foreign Board, and wish to do all I can for both. But I do not see that it is best to organize more Women's Societies --- I do very much deprecate the multiplication of this kind of machinery. As President of our Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society I have always used my influence to promote Woman's work for both Home and Foreign Missions, and that influence has not been entirely useless. I shall continue so to do, in spite of the strenuous advice of Mrs. Hoge, to "keep good fences," &c. But I could not conscientiously advise the formation of two distinct societies in these churches; in ours, or in any in this Presbytery. That may do in the large city churches, but I fully believe it would not be wise in the vast majority of our churches. Now what I would not advocate or do at home, I certainly would be a poor hand to advise other people to do. So I cannot think I am a suitable person for a Vice President of a National Society for Home Missions. What I mean to say is this -- I will work for Home Missions in the Woman,s Missionary Societies of this Presbytery, or wherever my influence may reach, but in the societies already formed -- I will not, and cannot as I now see the matter advocate the formation of two societies in each church to work for the two objects. Of course the opposition to Home work in the Board of the Northwest, makes this more difficult than it would otherwise be, yet even so, it is less objectionable in my judgment, than to attempt to run two Societies in our ordinary churches. It is all I have time or strength for in our own church, and in the Presbytery, to carry on one organization, and I have as much time and strength as most of my sex. From what I know of our Christian working women, I believethey would almost unanimously echo my words when I say,"from more societies and meetings, and organizations and machinery,'Good Lord deliver us". Oh! that we could do our work in the good old way our mothers did theirs, through the Boards of the church. This is my feeling at the bottom of my heart, though of course I do not express it at a Presbyterial meeting. But say what we may, I know that we women were not made to carry these loads, and we are out of our sphere when we attempt it. I have said more than I intended when I began, but perhaps it is just as well to be frank with you in the circumstances, and let you know that at heart I am nothing better than a traitor to the cause of "Woman's Work." Even if this were not the case and you wish a Vice President from each state it would be much better to choose one for Indiana who was more centrally located, say as far south as Fort Wayne or Logansport -- at least, if not at Indianapolis. I am in the very northwestern corner, and have very little acquaintance, or communication with the ladies of Indianapolis or the main part of the State. For these reasons, while thanking you sincerely for the honor you wish to do me, I must beg you not to give my name to the Nominating Committee for a V. P.

Sincerely your friend,& sister in Christ
Julia B. Kendall.

Monroe, Michigan, May 16th, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Yours of 2d received. The labor and responsibility of the office you propose for my acceptance is more than I feel equal to, at present. Deeply as I feel on the subject I cannot see it my duty; it necessarily involves so much correspondence in furnishing information, appeals, etc., not only, but the superintendence of the work. I have been President of our Ladies Society, since its organization in 1871. We became auxiliary to the N. Y. Branch as we embraced in our constitution both Home and Foreign Work. We have no difficulty thus far in carrying on both departments of this one work--and we do not propose to make any change--not at present, any way. When we organized Presbyterially we transferred our connection from New York to Chicago, but did not change our Constitution. Our Home work has been confined chiefly to our own State, but this year we propose doing something for the heathen on our Western shores:- and shall do what we can to awaken interest in our Presbytery.

E. M. Landon.

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141 Prospect St., Cleveland,
May 17th, 1878.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your favor of the 2nd inst. was duly received. I have delayed answering in the hope of hearing of some lady in Cleveland that I might suggest for the position named in your letter.

It is entirely out of the question for me to assume any more care and responsibility in the way of offices, I must rather drop some of the work on my hands at present. I already have more than I can do in the cause of Home Missions and as you know, am working in that direction as I have opportunity in connection with our church society. Should any name come to me in season for your meeting on the 24th I will write again. It would be a real pleasure to me to be at Pittsburg, through all the meetings, of Home and Foreign Missions, and were I not about to leave home for the summer I should endeavor to be present. I am going to visit my brother in Galesburg, Ills. first. I believe that was your former home, was it not?

well. I feel deeply interested

I am feeling anxious for Rev. Mr. McMillan, as my last letter reported him quite ill. Have you or the other Sec's any recent news from him?

I see the name of one of my Home Missionary friends or correspondents among the commissioners. Rev. James A. Griffes, Marysville, Kansas.

The Finks family seemed greatly delighted with their box & 2nd Presbyterian Church, and well they might be, it was a splendid box.

Hoping you may have a meeting of special interest and thanking you for the honor intended, I am

Yours very cordially,
E. H. Huntington.

Minneapolis, May 19.

Mrs. W. N. Paxton,
Dear Madam:

I received a note a few days since from Rev. Sheldon Jackson, asking for a report from the Synod of Minnesota to be read at your Woman's Home Mission Convention in Pittsburgh. I am so entirely occupied just now that I find it impossible to prepare anything suitable. I send you a paper very hastily written(and I have had no time for necessary correction,for our own Society.It is not at all the thing to be read in your Convention, but may serve to give you some idea of what we are trying to do in the Northwest and Home work. I should enjoy very much being in your meeting did circumstances permit. I shall be with you in spirit, and pray for the success of your meeting.

Your sister in Christ,
A. C. Morgan.

New York, June 4th, 1878.
30 West 18th Str.

My dear Dr. Jackson,

At the time I received your letter I was about to leave home to make some visits, and wrote to Mrs. Paxton to say that I was not prepared, without further consideration, to accept your proposal to me totake part in the formation of a new Woman's Home Mission Society, nor was I willing to decline at once to try to serve a cause which I have at heart.

Since my return I have talked on the subject with Dr. Dickson at his office, and with several of the women of the Presbyterian Church in this city.

I wish I could do the same i.e. have a talk,--with you. But that cannot be, and I must write what I have to say on the subject. I feel a deep interest in Home Missions, all the deeper for having read your paper these three years and I feel like putting my shoulders to some sort of a wheel which shall roll the work on. I do not, however, approve of wasting effort by multiplying machinery. I do not believe in so dividing responsibility that no one knows what his own proper burden ought to be.

The Ladies Mission Board of New York has long since entered the Home Field, has received the cooperation of most of the Presbyterian Churches in this city, and has I suppose, unquestionably established a character for honest and earnest work. I do not personally belong to that Board, although the Church Society of which I am Secretary works through its agency; but it is my conviction that rather than attempt to supersede it by the formation of a new Society, it would be better to try to extend and amplyfy its work; better for the Church to avail itself of this organization, endeavor to add new members, infuse a warmer life, extend the auxiliary connections, make it more widely known; and not cripple it, or perhaps deal it a death-blow by the formation of a new Society.

Besides, in my judgment it would be difficult to enlist here the requisite number of really earnest and practical women in a new enterprise, because such women are already cognizant of this existing work, if not actually engaged in it.

I quite agree with you that people are not awake to the urgent need for the work of Education and Christianization of our Great West. I well remember your own earnest work on the subject. I think it is time to take a new departure. Only I would pour a fuller flood into the old Channel rather than dig a new one.

Having this opinion, I am unwilling to give my name to an altogether new agency, yet I am very reluctant to refuse to engage in a work which has only a wider usefulness for its object, although, in my judgment, not adopting the wisest means.

I have written to you as to a friend. If you think it best to do so, will you kindly forward this letter to Mrs. Paxton? I enclose a stamp.

Believe me with great regard
Very truly yours,
N. McK. Lewis.

New York, June 5, 1878.

Rev'd. S. Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir!

Your favor bearing date May 7th came to hand in due course of Mail.

When the Ladies Board of Missions was organized in this City, I became greatly interested in its work, and have been one of the Managers ever since. We are doing a good work, in the Foreign, as well as in Home Missions, and I do not think it well to multiply Societies, inasmuch as we have at the head of our board a most efficient person (Mrs. J. L. Graham), thus far we have been very successful in our work and trust the Lord will be with us to the end.

Ever most truly yours,
C. C. Halsted.
18 West 17th Str.

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903 Sutter Str., Nov. 17", 1879.
San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of Oct. 28th several weeks ago, and was prevented by sickness from replying sooner. It will be impossible for me to accept the appointment as one of a committee to organize and encourage Woman Home Missionary work; while I am willing to aid individually, I have not the time to give to it, I am already engaged in the work of four Benevolent Societies of which I am a manager and with my home duties and church work, I feel I have already more on my hands than I can faithfully perform. Neither do I think now that we could form a Society in our own Church, as we are already burdened trying to assist the Theological Seminary, we have been paying the students monthly what we could raise besides assisting every month the Evangelical Society, who have just asked to double our amount as their work has increased. The Students are here at our own doors, and are often in want of funds to supply themselves with food. I think this can be called Home Missionary work. There are other churches in the city who have never given anything to the Theological Seminary, and are not as far as I know engaged in any Missionary work. It might be societies could be organized in them, and they would greatly aid your work. Father says he received The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian himself, but has not seen the bound copy you speak of; it may have been sent to the Seminary; he will inquire. I am also indebted for several numbers of your paper sent to me. I remain

with kind regards,
truly yours,
M. A. Kittle.

Milwaukee, May 10,1878.
(Postal Card)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
216 Colfax Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Your note of May 2 received. It is too late to collect statements of what women of Wisconsin have done the past year for Home Missions. Our churches are so very weak,most of them are Home Mission Churches, that we have advocated only one organization in this State, Reporting Foreign work to 48 McCormick's Block,Chicago, and Home Mission work to 3 centre St.,New York. In Calvary Church we devote all our energies for the months of Sept.,Oct. and Nov. to Home Missions, meeting weekly. Foreign collections are made by envelope system. We recommended a similar course to all our Societies. As far as I know, the most efficient workers in Wisconsin are enlisted in Foreign Missionary work, viz. Mrs. J. R. Stewart,Milwaukee,State Pres.t;Mrs. Anna Williams Beloit,Pres.Milwaukee Presbyterial Soc.,Mrs.A.L.Hoyt, Fond du Lac,Pres.Winnebago Pres.Soc. , Mrs.D.H.Tullis, Madison,Pres.Wisconsin River. Presb't'l So.Mrs. Anna Whitehorn,Menominee,Mich.,Pres. Superior Presbyterial Society; Mrs. S.R.Lapham,La Crosse,Pres.Chippewa Pres. Society.

Mrs. A. H. Vedder,
State Cor. Sec.

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Minutes of the preliminary meeting held by Presbyterian Women in the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 24th, 1878, for the consideration of the formation of a national organization of the Presbyterian Women of the United States in the interests of Home Missions.

The meeting was opened with singing, reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

Mrs. W. A. Herron of Pittsburg, Pa. was called to the Chair as presiding officer, and Mrs. Wilson N. Paxton of Allegheny was made Secretary.

Mrs. Herron stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the practicability of organizing a "Woman's Board of Home Missions."

A number of communications were then read from ladies in different sections of the country expressing their interest in Home Missions and regrets at being unable to attend the meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. James Lorimer Graham, President of the "Ladies Board of Missions," New York, concerning the organization and work of that Society.

Reports on Home Missions were received and read from the "Ladies Synodical Committee of Minnesota, and also from the Woman's Home Mission Society, of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

A request was received and read from the Missionary Society of Daytom Presbytery asking that a Home Mission Board be organized.

A paper upon the importance of a national Home Mission organization of the Women, written by Mrs. Julia McNair Wright of Carlisle, Pa., was then read.

After the reading of the above communications the following questions were taken up and discussed:

1st. Are we ready for Organization?

2nd. Will such an organization conflict with the Woman's Foreign Mission Work?

In the discussion that followed further explanations were made of the Work of the "Ladies' Board of Missions" in New York for the purpose of showing that there was no need of another organization.

Others urged that if that Board would relinquish their Foreign department and give exclusive attention to Home Missions it would be able to do a larger work and

and obviate the necessity of another organization.

Expression was given to the pervading sentiment of the meeting that it was a great responsibility to organize a "Home Mission Board."

The following plans were proposed and discussed.

1st. To organize a "Woman's Home Mission Society" without reference to existing Societies.

2nd. That, in addition to organizing a National Home Mission Society, a committee should be appointed to wait upon the "Ladies'Board of Missions" and ask them, first to drop their Foreign department, and second, if they are unwilling to drop their Foreign department, then divide their Board of Managers into two departments, one having exclusive control of the Home, and the other of the Foreign Mission interests.

3rd. To adopt as the National Home Mission Society the "Ladies'Board of Missions" of New York as it stands.

The form of a constitution was then read as a basis upon which a constitution for a National Woman's Home Missionary Society might be formed. In connection with the reading of the proposed constitution, discussion was had with reference to the office of treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Hoge of Chicago, President of "The Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest", spoke at length of the work of that Society and gave her views with reference to the organization of a Woman's Home Mission Society.

Attention was called to the action of the General Assembly calling upon the Women to organize for Home Missions.

The question was then put to vote: "Shall we organize now?" Answered in the negative.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed from different parts of the country to confer with the New York Ladies'Board of Missions" as to the propriety of having their Board devoted exclusively to Home Missions

That, should the Ladies'Board of Missions fail to comply with the overture of the committee, it (the committee) shall be empowered to call a meeting of delegates from the different churches at such time and place as may be selected to organize a new Board.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Mrs. T. H. Montgomery and Mrs. W. N. Paxton a Committee to nominate the above Committee of Conference and report to the Afternoon Session.

After recess and devotional exercises followed by various addresses on Home Missions, the Committee reported the names of the following ladies, who were appointed a committee to confer with the ladies of the New York Board of Missions:

Mrs. Sylvester F. Scovel,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd,	Rahway, N. J.
Mrs. Richard T. Haines,	Elizabeth, N. J.
Mrs. D. M. Miller,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Mathew New Kirk,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. J. C. Hoge,	Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. John Kendall,	La Porte, Ind.
Mrs. Joseph H. Montgomery,	Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. O.E.Huntington,	Cleveland, "
Mrs. Julia McNair Wright,	Carlisle, Pa.
Mrs. Osborn,	New York, N. Y.
Mrs. G. D. Harrington,	Washington, D. C.

Adjourned with prayer,
(Mrs.) F. J. Paxton,
W.N.
Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 24, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received the enclosed copy of Minutes from Mrs. Paxton this morning and made some slight alterations as she desired. The resolutions as sent to the N. Y. Ladies'Board I also enclose with Committee names. So many are declining to serve that I fear our presence as a body will not be very formidable, and as you will see from the resolutions there is but little for the committee to do, towards organizing a new Board if the N. Y. ladies' board refuses our request,---as it most likely will. I hope whatever is done will be for the best interests of a cause that lies so near our hearts.

Very sincerely yours,
C. W. Scovel.

Elizabeth, N. J., June 27,1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

You may have heard that the proposed conference with Mrs. Graham is fixed for Thursday morning July 10th at 23 centre St. -- The ladies of the Committee appointed at Pittsburg are invited to meet here at Elizabeth the day before, for prayer and to decide on something definite to bring before the New York Society. I was rather sorry to meet Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Holden on Monday last and to find they expected to represent the whole Board. This is not what was wished. It seemed desirable to lay the business before the whole Board, but Mrs. Graham said they two had receiced instructions what to say -- I did not ask her what that was. So many are out of town, is does not seem to me that, in case Mrs. Graham declines, much can be done before the Fall -- For one I am a little sorry not to have the thing worked up thro the Synods more as in New Jersey, but I believe God will guide aright in the matter.

I have received "proofs" of the Report on Home Missions adopted by the late General Assembly. To it is appended a report "from the Ladies'Board of Missions N. Y. City ." It claims to have twice outstripped the action of General Assembly. I want to find out the exact relations of this New York Society at present to the Board of Home Missions. The General Assembly of 1875 (Minutes page 489), distinctly recommended "the organization of a Woman's Home Missionary Society,etc." This looks as if the Assembly, and the Home Board did not recognize the New York Society as filling that place -- or they would not have recommended another -- yet now, this New York Report is published in Minutes of General Assembly.

This may complicate matters. Some one told me all the United States were included in Presbyteries -- Is that so?

When a Woman's Home M. Society is formed, it should at once cover the ground -- so fast as names of suitable superintendents or secretaries for every Synod can be obtained. I think, Sir, that you can probably suggest many good names for this purpose to be brought forward, if God will, next Fall. Then if the appointments or nominations can be recognized by the various Synods, a great point will be at once gained. So I hope you will be able to give special attention to this, and if the same names should ne proposed by others, it will be very good.-- After the Committee has met, I hope to write again.

Ever yours truly & respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines.

Denver,Coloraco,
July 4, 1878.

Mrs. Haines,
My Dear Sister:

Yours of June 27th is received,and I hasten to answer. You ask concerning the relations of Mrs.Graham's Society (Ladies'Board of Missions") to the Home Board. Dr. W. C. Roberts can tell you. My own impression is that the Board of Home Missions do not consider it as a National Society, occupying the ground intended by the General Assembly when they directed the formation of a national or central Woman's Home Board, but that the Board recognizes it as they would the "Synodical Society of New York" or the "Ladies'Board of the Southwest", or of Brooklyn, or any other local society, which is raising money for Home Missions&sends in an annual report. Enclosed find a leaf from the Report of the Home Board for 1877, in which you see that the Brooklyn Society is placed on the same footing with Mrs. Graham's. They are simply local societies.

A national society does not yet exist and that is what the Assembly and many friends of Home Missions in all parts of the country wish you Ladies to get under way.

A national society with headquarters at New York City, is not simply for the New York City Churches, but for those of California, Texas and Tennessee, Ohio, and all other portions of the country as well. Consequently it need not go into any individual church in New York City, where the ladies are auxiliary to Mrs. Graham's Society. It is not essential to its usefulness that it should have a single auxiliary in New York City, as it will be for the directing of movements and promoting of greater efficiency in the whole country.

Such a central organization, instead of conflicting with present movements, will be their helper.

For instance, where there are Societies that join Home and Foreign Missions,as is the case of Mrs. Graham's The Brooklyn, St. Louis, Iowa, Nebraska, and others, the central societies can furnish leaflets and other publications, speakers, &c., that shall give greater efficiency to the Home Departments of those societies.

Having the whole church for its field, it need not push its way in any city or section, where a local society claims the ground, unless with the cooperation of the local society. It can help the local society without interfering with its local arrangements, and thus make it a friend. Such a policy will in the end secure the local society as an auxiliary.

The National Society should not be discouraged if New York, or Brooklyn or St. Louis and other places should not at once become auxiliary.

There are a sufficient number of sections that will become auxiliaries to give it position and influence. And the fact that it is the National Society will increase its influence more and more year by year, until eventually it will have the full control throughout the entire Church.

You regret that the Society could not have been worked up through the Synods as in New Jersey.

The attention of the Synods has been called to this matter for two years past, and it has utterly failed to accomplish the object. Only a few Synods have complied with the directions of the Assembly and appointed a Ladies'Committee. God's providence has shut us up to the one course. If the work is to be done, we must have a central organization.

1st. That can by circulars and letters keep Synods reminded of their duty to appoint these committees, until from habit the Synods will attend to it, as they do any other routine business.

2nd. The Central Organization can prepare and send out blank constitutions -- leaflets on How to Organize?" "How to Keep up the interest in Meetings after organized?" "Best Methods of Work"--"Objects of Work and Prayer"--Meet objections and hindrances - furnish encouragements - Secure Essays and Missionary Letters - furnish Speakers, &c.

In hundreds of places the Christian women are ready to go to work, if any one will show them what is to be done and how to do it. A National Society can best do this and set them at work.

Objections.

I have frequently heard it said, "that there were too many societies now -- that there was no room for another."

Let us examine. There is the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Philadelphia, Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Albany, and Troy Branches; But these are all for Foreign Missions. Then there is The Ladies'Board of Missions of New York, Woman's Home and Foreign Missions Society Brooklyn, and Woman's Board of Missions for the Southwest. These are mixed Societies, working more largely for Foreign than for Home Missions. To sum up, there are in the Presbyterian Church, four societies with their auxiliaries exclusively for Foreign work, and three for both Home and Foreign without a single society exclusively devoted to the Evangelization of our own land. Surely there is room for one Home Mission Society.

A second objection, "That it will make friction." Mrs. Scovel of Pittsburgh can testify that the officers of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Philadelphia, and the Woman's Board of Missions for the Northwest, the Foreign leading For'nMissions Societies of the Church, both expressed themselves at Pittsburgh as in favor of a Woman's Home Mission organization. Consequently there can be no friction with them. Instead of friction, the two societies will be of mutual assistance.

As to the Ladies'Board of New York, the new Society can prevent friction by not interfering with their auxiliaries -- by attending to the balance of the Church not reached by the Ladies'Board and furnishing the Ladies'Board of New York such assistance as they may be willing to receive, thus cultivating friendly relations.

The reasons for a National Society may be summed up as follows:

1st. This movement, like all others, to secure the greatest usefulness must have a Central head and be national in its aims, 2nd. The General Assembly, recognizing the need of a national organization has again and again recommended that it should be formed.

3rd. Many local organizations have been formed and are waiting for a National Organization to give direction to their efforts,

4th. Devout Christian women all over the Church are waiting and praying for such a movement and ready to fall into line.

In case you fail of making a satisfactory arrangement with the Ladies'Board you ask, "What is to be done? Allow me to suggest,

1st. That the necesity for such a national organization is so great, that it would be injurious to delay all further action until next spring;

2nd. That a meeting called in the spring might not secure a larger attendance than if called this fall.

3rd. That it was the evident intention of the Convention in appointing the present Committee that the Committee should make some arrangements by which a national organization should be gotten under way.

4th. That it is competent for this Committee to appoint a "Provisional Board of Managers" who shall serve until next spring when at a convention to be called in connection with the General Assembly, a new Board may be elected.

5th. That this Provisional Board of Managers shall take charge of and promote the interests of such a society.

(a) Take charge of and systematize the distribution of Boxes of Missionary Clothing,

(b) Issue leaflets, plans of organization, methods of work,&c. to increase the general interest in the work.

(c) Correspond with stated clerks of Synod and and urge that each Synod at the coming fall meeting comply with the recommendations of General Assembly and appoint a Ladies'Committee.

(d) Arrange for a Woman's Home Mission meeting in connection with the next General Assembly at which the organization of the Society may be completed.

(e) Correspond with Synodical Societies and secure the appointment of a Delegate to represent them at the next spring meeting so that there may be at least one lady present from each Synod

(f) Prepare draft of constitution and by-laws to submit to the spring meeting for adoption.

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A Provisional Board of Managers,

1st. Will enable the work of the Society to commence at once, and thus prevent delay through all next fall and winter.

2nd. A Provisional Board of Managers can secure a full attendance of Ladies, regularly delegated to act in behalf of the Ladies of their Synod and thus the action of next spring will represent the whole Churches--Otherwise a few will come together from a few sections authorized only to speak for themselves as was the case this spring.

3rd. A Provisional Board of Managers can present at the spring meeting for adoption a constitution, By-Laws, etc. Otherwise the Ladies will again come together without matured plans and something tangible upon which they can act.

4th. A Provisional Board of Managers will secure more general action this fall on the part of Synods.

5th. They can secure some conventions for the fall or winter.

6th. They will prevent further complications arising from delay.

7th. They will encourage the friends of the cause to go to work.

If you do not arrange with the Ladies'Board of New York I plead with you do not separate until you have appointed a Provisional Board of Managers to act until there can be a representative gathering of the Ladies next spring, to complete the organization.

I will spend the tenth & eleventh in special prayer that the Holy Ghost will give you both wisdom and courage to go forward in so great a work.

Respectfully yours,
Sheldon Jackson,
Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions
in Wyoming,Colorado,New Mexico,
Arizona, Montana and Alaska.
Utah.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 12, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The New York ladies yesterday were represented by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hart. They declined to lay down the Foreign Mission department of their Board, but proposed such a radical modification of the Home branch--

viz, to make the President of every Synodical Society Vice President and therefore having a right to attend the meetings and vote, also promising to have the work kept entirely distinct, even to sending, in separate form, the Home Missionary part of their Magazine-- that the Committee present thought it wise to entertain the proposition, and to send it down to the absent members, Should a majority approve, another conference is to be called about the last week in September, in time to send some word to the Synods. Mrs. Graham had been to many of the pastors of New York and got their endorsements--- If we can secure the thing it seemed best to us to compromise the name perhaps. We shall not agree to recommend this "Ladies'Board of New York as our Headquarters, unless itbecomes, in its Home branch, regularly auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, is approved by them, and also receives the appointment of the Synods of New York, and New Jersey---At heart this is our present feeling.

Your letter was read with great consideration at our preliminary conference here at Elizabeth on the 10th instant. Were the coast clear, no plan would promise better.

We had full responses from members of the Committee but several, as Mrs. Dickson,Mrs. Harington, and Mrs. Julia McN. Wright, were detained just at the last. Only Mrs. Scovel and a Mrs. Davenport here outside of New Jersey---so that in any case, we could not have organized at the present session. It was a strengthening thought that you and others werepraying about our conference and to know that in some way all would work out in the best way---if only we continue to wait on the Lord about it.

My love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly and respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines.

I have asked Mrs.Boyd,our Secretary,to send you an exact copy of resolutions adopted.

Rahway, July 17, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The "Conference" was held as per agreement,July 11. The Overture of the Committee and the appeals from various Societies and individuals interested in the object of the Conference failed to accomplish what we desired. After returning answers to the Committee thro'Mrs. Graham, they submitted a proposition, as follows: That instead of organizing a new Board for Home Missions,organizations should be formed in the Synods for Home Mission work, which shall have their own officers and the President of which shall be Vice President of the Ladies Board. These Presidents shall organize the work in their own Synods and Presbyteries, and report it to the Board in New York, with whom they shall be in correspondence connection and cooperation.

Verbal promise was also made to accede to the wishes of Committee in regard to change of Constitution &c. to suit the requirements of the enlarged work.

It was resolved, That this proposition having been received the Secretary be instructed to send copies of it to absent members of the Committee asking their views upon it. And further Resolved, That if a majority of the Committee entertain the proposition, another Conference be held with the view of preparing a paper in definite form to bring before the Board of Home Missions and the Synods. At a meeting of the Committee held subsequently, the following Resolution was adopted:

The members of Committee present in view of the enlarged plans for future work in the Home department of the New York Ladies'Board and its expressed design to reach the churches through the Synods, and the Home field through the Board of Home Missions as recommended by General Assembly are prepared to entertain their proposition and to hold further conference on the subject.

Very respectfully yours,
M. E. Boyd.

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After consulting with Dr. Kendall I add these few words to call your attention to the facts, that for the present while these matters are in a formative state, and because of the Foreign Boards opposition, &c., It will not be advisable to publish anything about it. After the thing is surely fixed then publish and push with energy. The outlook is good, Don't hurry too much.

Excuse these sentences - I'm not at all well.

Yours,
O. E. Boyd.

Carlisle, Penn., Aug. 1, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

Your letter arrived in due time. I did not go to the New York meeting, I could not very well, and I concluded that nothing but more meetings would come of it. The business arrangements were rather loose, and no means had been provided to fix anything. I suppose you have heard the result.

I think most of the members of the Committee are pleased with Mrs. Graham's proposition and will accept it. It does not commend itself to me at all. You will see it will not create any enthusiasm and will not move matters perceptibly from where they are now. However I suppose it must be tried until it proves itself a failure. As far as I can see the Ladies consider the proposal made as "Providential" and whereas they prayed for wisdom, and know that many others prayed, they conclude that what they did must be right. Perhaps it is However, I think we have in this age got in the habit of talking a great deal of religious balderdash without knowing it. Is a Turk carrying out God's intentions simply because he says "it is the will of Allah" and lets the matter go?

I suppose the blessing of God on deliberation is to help us exercise our common sense, and we shall know if we have got the blessing by seeing if we have exercised common sense. Perhaps this proposal may be all right and the very best thing, but as far as explicating the affair goes, they seem to reason in a circle. 'We asked the blessing of God -- we did this, therefore it must be the blessing of God." Suppose they had concluded to build an Orphan Asylum? I think they might have reasoned the same way. It looks to me like merely putting Woman's Home Mission work as sub and auxiliary to an auxiliary of the Foreign work. As I told them, there were plenty of women to give service efficiently for this cause, just as was done in the Woman's Foreign Mission Board, until the cause was fully established. Don't for anything let this letter be seen by any of the Ladies; I don't expect them to look at things in my way. Mrs. Haines wrote me something about the New York Society having preemption rights -- just as if there *were* any preemption rights in Morals! So, the work *is* the Lord's and he will straighten it out in due time. It does not go quite as fast as some of us would like in our short span and great haste, it is hard to wait the mighty leisure of events. It looks now as if we should get an efficient board organized in about five years. Until then we will be doing something. No Colorado for us this year -- can't afford to travel, with hard times and two children to educate. Dr. Wright and myself keep quill driving as hard as ever to make two ends meet. Come here when you come East.

Very Truly

Julia McNair Wright.

Falls City, Aug. 19, 1878.

Rev. Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

You asked me to write you occasionally when I had any Home Mission news to communicate. I have none now, but write to make some inquiries concerning your place.

My sister (Mabel Douglas's Mother) has some lung affection and seems anxious to go to Colorado awhile They live in a malarious district altho' a highly cultivated beautiful country (Ohio). Denver is spoken of as a good place for persons affected as she is, and I would like to have her go very much if there is any possibility of doing her any good. She, if she does go, would take her little daughter ,seven years old,and Mabel stay with me, and Mr. Douglas endure their absence the best he could. What does boarding cost? A good private boarding house would be most desirable I suppose but do not know. Am writing this of my own motion entirely.

The Home Mission Committee of Ladies meeting at New York was small-of course you have heard all about it and I need not write you of it.

And just think of their holding their meeting in Dr. Dickson's room. Is n't it funny? Some of Dr. Kendall's management doubtless. And just think the Ladies met at ten o'clock and talked until four,entirely oblivious of time.

Surely all things are working together for good and at the September meeting an organization will be formed with a good strong basis endorsed by those New York ministers who have always refused to do as much for that Ladies'Board. Those Ladies have stood in their own light and we could not see why, but it is only because the cause was in God's hands and not in our hands.

Am glad you took no account of those notes of the Pittsburg meeting -- Knew it was best to keep it back and not notice itindeed thought of sending it in another form but really was with my sister who was ill and had no time to give it any thought. Have not seen the August No. of your paper Mr. Paxton says it is not given---Have been from home almost two months, am now at a summer resort*--return home tomorrow. Mr. P. in the City. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and family.

Respectfully,
E. J. Paxton.

* about 75 miles from the city on the B. &. O. R. R.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept.17/78.
(Postal Card)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter is just at hand. It will be of great help to us for some had the impression that no compromise of the kind offered would please you. I am hopeful some arrangement will be made --- It is all to be referred to the Board of Home Missions - that meets next week. I had last week a very pleasant talk with Mrs. Graham and mail you a copy of unofficial letter sent to her Board a day or two since. I think it may be more time than needed.

F. E. M. Haines.

Cape May Point, N. J.,Sept.24/78

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Last February you asked me to continue my letters to children through the summer. I have sent you enough letters for that, and do not know whether you want more letters or not. I see "Weighing the Baby" was widely copied. If you want more letters let me know, but perhaps your staff is large enough. I wish I could write that Alaska Refuge into existence. I do not remember whether I have sent you six or seven letters since last payment-my note book was mislaid -- probably you know and you can send the check here. I was sorry to miss Mrs. Norcross on her return from Galesburg. I have a very strong regard for her--but our school in Carlisle was too great a financial loss to us to continue it--of that however do not say a word to any one, we keep our business advantages and disadvantages strictly to ourselves. We are at Cape May Point for the winter because it is non-rheumatic,very cheap and quiet where I can drive my pen undisturbed, with the delight of the sea near me, which acts as restorer, consoler and general inspiration. Ah, me, when shall the returned Christ fill the world with his fulness as the waters cover the sea!

Very Truly,
Julia McNair Wright.

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions,
Of The Presbyterian Church.
Mrs.Ashbel Green,President.
Mrs.J, E. Dunn,Vice-President.
Mrs.S.F.Scovel, " "
Mrs.F.E.H.Haines,Cor.Sec'y.
Mrs.J.D.Bedle,Rec.Sec'y.
Mrs.M.E.Boyd,Treasurer.

23 Center Street,New York,
March 29, 1879.

Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to Mrs. Haines dated March 22, was handed to me with instructions to answer. We are greatly interested in the subject of a new Mission in Alaska and will hold ourselves in readiness to do all we can to forward it, but there seems to be so much uncertainty about what the Board may do, that we are compelled to wait a little for developments.

If it is necessary for us to pledge a Missionary's salary we will do the very best we can. Mr. Boyd tells me that the feeling seemed to prevail at the last meeting of the Board that it was best to wait until the proposed visit /after of yourself and Dr. Kendall, before anything definite was done. No doubt you have been advised of this.

Our sympathies urge us very strongly in the direction of your wishes. I hope Mrs. Jackson's health is improving and yours also. I would like to make one of the company when you start for Alaska.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Boyd.

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23 Center Street, New York,
May 3rd. 1879.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,Denver,Colorado,
Dear Sir & Brother:

I wish often you were nearer at hand that our Committee could get information and advice from you on various points -- I do not get time to write to you at length for which you may be glad. The work grows and grows upon our hands. What is said in the letters received, often convinces us of the need of such a central Committee as ours, and I would magnify its office, while I think every member individually is conscious of incompetence for so great responsibility. We have this comfort, that we have been placed in it thro' no self-seeking. It was such a relief several times last summer when we thought the New York Board would perhaps accept the proposal made them. But we just have to go on now with the work, believing God will take care of His own work, and overrule even our mistakes for good.

The "Rocky Mt.Pres'n" for May has not come to hand yet. I hope the circulation is increasing. It does good to the cause where read. We can trace this from letters received. You will have to limit our Committee as to space taken, for our materials are over abundant. In the number for June, we rather promise the boys some Indian stories, so you will please look out for this. The other night in R.R.train, talking with Rev. Mr. Bliss,about one part of our women,s work being to interest the boys in our own country,some one whispered to him, and he to me, that the gentleman in seat with me was the Vice-president. I gave him one of our Circulars, and he was very courteous.

Rev. Mr. McMillan and Rev. Mr. Gallagher too are both very ready to have money given them by the women of the church, pass thr our Treasury. We hope for their help at Saratoga. Mr. Boyd writes me the women have given $20,000 this past year, $6,000 more than before, and asks "shall we not double it this present year?"

Mrs. Roberts and I had a very pleasant time last week in Philadelphia with our dear Mrs.Dickson,and we also called to see Mrs. Matt. Newkirk, who continues bright and much interested. But it would make your heart ache to know of the misunderstanding of our work, by some of those For Missionary ladies. We have just to "go and tell Jesus all about the matter. We have invited Mrs.Graham and her friends to our meeting in Saratoga, saying several of the Synods will probably wish to give their Reports thro her Board. Now, dear brother, pray for us still, as you have done before. It is strengthening and inspiriting.

With love to Mrs. Jackson,

Truly your friend,

F. E. H. Haines.

I am quite hopeful that Dr. Roberts will get to Saratoga. Dr. Kendall urges him to be there.

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23 Center Str.,New York, May 8th,1879.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter got to me just too late to bring the matter of the Kodiak Station before the Board of Home Missions or our Committee, both of which met on Tuesday the

6th,day before yesterday. I am to have a talk with Dr. Roberts(D.V.) this evening, and will report to you what he thinks can be done. Are you quite sure about the advantage of a Mission at that point before you visit it this summer with Dr. Kendall? I suppose our Committee can be called together at Saratoga, and agree upon something. When answering any letter that come about Alaska, especially Fort Wrangell, I have proposed that the appropriation of money should be delayed until we know more of a new mission station there, for which money will be greatly needed. If you can raise $1,000 needed for preliminary effort ,etc., and the Board, I think as Executive Committee we need such an object to present, as much as the object may need our support.

I do hope Dr. Roberts will go to Saratoga. It seems strange not to have you with us there. Let me refer you to Ps. 37, The Lord knows all about these matters -- these trials, of which I could give now some personal experience. We must now just pray that larger views may be given to many hearts.

We cannot yet trace the lost "copy" for May No. of Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". In it I am sure we asked for prayer in regard to our Annual Meeting and gave invitations for as many to attend as possible. By my letter-book, it was sent April 7th. I have no recollection but of leaving it on the Office table at 23 Center St. that day, after finishing up what was wanted after the meeting that morning of our Exc. Committee.

On the morning of the 23d inst. at Saratoga, after devotional exercises, we shall have a few words from our President, Mrs. Ashbel Green. Do you think the "Minutes" or some account of the Pittsburg Convention should be given? Ought a Report from Pittsburg Committee be given Unless called for all this would take up much time. Mrs. Graham is invited to attend, both as being a member of a Synodical committee, and also as President of a large and influential Society" She has several times questioned the right of the Pittsburg Committee to do anything. Now it seems to me they had equal right with any women of our church, who knowing of the recommendation of General Assembly about organizing for Home Missions, wished to see it carried out, as much right as any of us have had to organize for Foreign Missions.

After Secretary and Treasurer have reported, the Synods will be called upon to report. We do not expect any very complete reports; this cannot be looked for. We expect New York Synods and others in part will report thro Mrs. Graham's Society or not at all.

Contributions have been received from two more Synods- since published report, making 29 in all; quite a good proportion out of 35. In the course of the morning we expect Mrs. Geo.W.Gallagher will report for Synod of Colorado, if no one else is there, or in any case tell us of the work in Utah.

Then we shall have election of officers, and perhaps be all turned out. I wish some of the New York ladies would come in. We are limited to names appointed by Synod. Next fall, we hope Synod will appoint a larger number, which will give us the help needed.

In the afternoon, we have asked Rev.Messrs.McMillan and Gallagher, Rev. Hewett of Montana, Dr. Prime of " "Observer", who gave us a good notice lately, and have asked Dr. Paxton of New York to preside---but we have not heard yet whether he can do this. What other Home Missionaries shall we ask to speak?

Please write in answer to this direct to Saratoga, Continental Hotel---for I now propose going up Wednesday night the 14th instant. Thank you for all your suggestions. I trust we may have some meetings for conference and prayer in advance of the neeting of the 23rd.

Please have 100 copies of "Rocky" sent to Saratoga.

What would be cost price for 100 copies of June No. to distribute in Westminster Church here, in advance of a Home Missionary Sociable and Entertainment, we hope to give about June 11th?

Yours truly & respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines.

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23 Center Str.,New York,June28",1879.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir & Brother:

If Dr. Kendall had not gone to you, "a living apistle," in regard to our experiences at Saratoga, of course I would have written you before (D.V.). If you knew just how much hurried I was up there, and how really used up on my return, and that one of my daughters had since been seriously sick (Mrs. Wickham,now improving fast), who could not bear any writing for some days in her room, I know you would excuse my attending first to some of the many letters that came asking for a prompt reply,---before sending even a line to you yourself.

Dr. Roberts could not well go to Saratoga,---Dr. Kendall as he has told you, had his time much taken up, so that some days I hardly saw him, and perhaps never felt for the first half week quite so much alone in work, as our Committee were not in Saratoga at first. So that I was more than ever driven to trust in the Lord for guidance needed. You have seen our published reports. You will be glad to know we hear they have made a good impression, but it involved a great trial of feeling, and expenditure of time; and at least $15 worth of money to change suddenly our afternoon arrangements, in favor of Mrs. Graham's Society, after they had been settled for five or six weeks, except as to a few details. Next time I hope you can be at hand to help us. It is in any case a comfort to know that if the Lord wishes our woman's work to go on in the way now begun, He will open the way in the future as He has done in the past, step by step.

There seems to be quite a demand for Mrs.Scovel's paper, a History. One lady sent for 50 copies. We have had only 500 struck off, outside of the June No. of Rocky Mt. Presbyterian, of which more than 1000 extra copies are being sent out. Whenever the circulation will warrant, I hope this paper can be printed on as good paper as was the January Number; for it will make a better impression, if in a more suitable dress. You are very kind in giving us so much extra space. Dr. Kendall has told you our Committee have agreed to try to raise money for the mission among the Navajo Indians, and as we really know nothing about them, we must claim your promise to write them up, also to give us any facts that we ought to know. We have also taken the salaries of the teachers you recommended, and intend to be very careful not to interfere with any schools Mrs. Graham continues to care for.

About Alaska, we wait for further report from you and Dr.Kendall, telling any Society that inquires,that a new mission is to be started for which money is needed, but location not yet determined. Mrs. Green has gone to Europe for the summer. I do not know when this note may find you; if it does so at all,--and so will not write further.

With respects and best wishes to you and Dr.Kendall,

Yours very truly,

F. E. H. Haines.

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23 Centre Street,New York,Sept.29th.
1879.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.

To think of how seldom I write you, when on so many points we should be glad of your advice. But you have

23 Centre Street, New York, Nov. 8th. '79.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir & Brother:

It seems a simple thing to sit down and write a letter, but you understand as well as any one, how one's time is often so much crowded, one can hardly get in anything more. So it has been since our meeting, which took up the greater part of last Tuesday.

The Committees approve highly of a change of form in the paper such as you propose. We saw the Secretary about it too, and they liked the idea.

About a change in the name, there seemed more of a question among all concerned. Of course the secretary said it was your paper and they had nothing to say, except in a general way, that it was so well known by a rather expressive and well understood name, that it might be best to let it continue on.

Some of the members of our Exc. Committee thought if you still allowed us some of the space, you might think
well/ to add under chief title something showing it was our medium of communication with the public---Can you think of something better than "and Organ of W.Ex.C.H.M."? I wonder how large the circulation of it is now -- I do not see how the Board of H.M. could get along without it

May the Publisher send a specimen copy to every member of the Synodical Committees recently appointed? Those who have it already can be asked to use it in their work. Will you give directions to have this request made, so as to save time.

Our Committee feels pleased you should ask us to continue to use a part of your paper. Please advise us as to what to do any time.

How thankful we are to know of your safe return, and we do hope to welcome you this way during the winter. It seemed to us the other day while talking to Drs. Dickson and Kendall, that there seemed better prospect you might be allowed to have public meetings here and there. In New Jersey we have decided upon another series, but think your time should be given elsewhere, while we utilize more of the home talent.

Our Committee some of them seemed to have almost too large plans the other day, as to having some of us visit some of the Synodical Committees, who do not seem to know what to do exactly; but nothing may come of this.

We hear of several new Synods as having made appointments--Pacific-Kansas (1 Presbytery) Philadelphia (1 Pres'y) Tennessee, Indiana, North Erie, and Illinois South;

been such a"wandering star"in a good sense, that there seemed little use in trying to reach you. To-day my chief object is to enclose to you a little reminder to the Synod of Colorado, not that you would neglect to have a Synodical Committee reappointed, but that you may see what we are doing in regard to the coming meeting of the Synod. Where no committee were appointed last year we send a longer note. The suggestions to members of these Synodical Committees to appear in Oct. "Rocky Mt. Pres'n" is to be thrown into Leaflet form for distribution among all who may be appointed this October. Will you please send me a list with P.O. address of each one who may be chosen, by your Synod?

We think Mrs. J.W.Partridge must be a real loss to the work. I have to-day a kind earnest letter from J. W.Johnston, who has left Colorado for the East, saying how she and Mrs. Partridge and Mrs. Finks had been planning together about work this coming season; but God will take care of his own work.

I heard too this morning from your sister Mrs. Norcross. She gives no encouragement as to your coming this way very soon, but if God will, I hope the Board will agree to your holding meetings this way during the winter.

We are quite anxious to hear Dr.Kendall's report, and to know in detail what is proposed in Alaska -- at some new station there. I cannot help thinking that perhaps Fort Wrangel is being over-supplied.

You promised this fall to write up the Navajoos. We think the mission there might prove very popular--if rightly brought forward.

I hope you found all well on your return home.

Mrs. Ashbel Green has been in Europe all summer,but is expected home before November. Mrs.C.H.Langdon looks after the "Boxes," and Mrs. Boyd--the Treasurer by office has to see to special objects. We hope Dr.Paxton may succeed in getting a larger number of women appointed in the Presbytery of New York, so that we can have more help. Another Secretary is much needed. On the whole, our Committee feels much encouraged. There seems really to be a place and work for our Exc.Committee. It is well perhaps we do not realize the responsibility of being upon it. At any rate we have the privilege of trusting in the Lord regarding it.

With sincere respect your friend,

F.E.H.Haines.

Dr.Roberts and family are well.

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Harrisburg now in full.) We do not yet know whether New York Synod has given the additional members we need in Presbytery of New York. As it is, we never seem quite to overtake the work which might be done. At next meeting of Board of Home Missions we hope to ask about securing your help--Writing and Circulars, do not have half the effect.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

We are greatly encouraged by the money you have sent for Kodiak---hope the Board will begin work there soon.

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23 Centre Street,New York,Nov.28,'79.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Dear Sir & Brother:

I have been waiting for a report from the Board of Home Missions.

It seems they agree to our request that you should work in some of the Synods this side of the Mississippi river--at the time we asked---by note from our Exc.Committee. But I do not quite understand until I hear farther just what this means---as Dr.Roberts thinks something was said about having the meetings arranged for west of the Alleghany Mts. I hope to find out all about it next Tuesday,when we go to the Office, 23 Centre St. I believe this will not interfere with meetings in Washington,D.C. and Baltimore if possible. I feel myself this is a great gain upon the action taken a year ago, and as there is not time togoeverywhere,there will be room enough to work in Ohio,Michigan,Indiana,and Illinois,Kentucky and Tennessee, and leave the other plans until another season. We hope to gain additional experience about such meetings here in New Jersey. The series begins next week Wednesday(D.V.) Dec.3rd at Newark! in Dr. Stearns church--Drs.Kendall and Priest to be the speakers. Then comes Elizabeth on the 4th and Rahway on 5th. When we meet, as I hope you will come this way--in any case, you may appreciate the difficulties better than I could try to explain by letter-- Our dear Lord knows all that is in your heart to do for Him, and we are only to go thro open doors. I hope to write further after next Tuesday.

I have to-day had quite a conference with Dr.Roberts about the name of "R.M.P" He advising no change in it--says it is well established,and known as being in the interests of Presbyterian Home Missions--and altho originally "local," it has in fact become "national", and it would take two years to have any new name take its place. You call it a "Home Missionary paper"-up over your name in corner--also on heading of 2nd Page and 3rd & 4th pages too show the Home-light. I must say that I think "Rocky Mountain"prettiest,and more distinctive and attractive to young readers than "Presbyterian Home Missions" which might sound to them dull. But you know best.

About the past you are so kind as to let our Exc. Committee use,the heading,as it is,does better for us than "Woman's Missions",or any thing like that,which would seem to admit the work of women as carried on out side of our Committee. Not but that we are truly glad to hear of new life in Mrs.Graham's Board,but it would make confusion to mix up matters in the columns of which the Exc.Committee has charge.

It does seem as if it would be a great improvement to change the form as you propose.

Thank you for the order sent for Miss A.A.Potter about our Synodical Committees.

I have reported the action of the Methodist Board, about Alaska, and hope conference will be had about it. Sitka seems to be the place preferred for new station. I must find out about this also--as to whether anything definite was done.

I think,sir,you are wonderfully patient and persistent, in spite of the difficulties in your way, and the church will know it sooner or later, as well as the dear Master.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Dec.2nd,1879.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Dear Sir & Brother:

I am so very glad to say the way is open for you to come to New York, and see us all, and arrange for the work and meetings. We received official notice at our meeting this morning that our request to have you spend some weeks in January-February and March in Synods east of Mississippi river was granted. Dr. Kendall says the best thing is for you to come on here. I am greatly pushed this evening and cannot enlarge on this.

Our Exc.Committee suggest only that as to the R.M.P. the pictures of the cross with those not very pleasant representations of women be omitted in future, and that in the new form of the paper the name Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions be put in large letters, stretching across top of page.

Then put names of Officers with same heading as now--at beginning of first column. All seem to like this old name tho agreeing that it is for you to decide.

We thank you very much by formal vote for your kindness about the Synodical Committees. We have ten new Synods, but lose two--W.New York, and Geneva.

May best blessings attend you.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Dec.12,1879.
(Postal Card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Denver Colorado.

I write a line on the first anniversary of our Committee acknowledging the good hand of our Lord,and the honor He has put upon us. We thank you too for the great help given,and trust the Lord will overrule our mistakes. Will try to be careful in future as to the points you mention.Received Mrs.Laura Safford's letter and will attend to it. I am hoping you may get in in time for my daughter's wedding on the 23rd instant and so send this rather on a venture.

F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.10,1880.
(Postal card)

Dr. Jackson: Sir, I have heard from Mrs.Scovel,this (Saturday)afternoon only- There are some complications you will have to come on here to arrange further.

Cincinnati Annual Meeting first Tuesday in March.

I write on a venture--hardly thinking this will reach you. Blairsville Presbytery,on which Pittsburg meeting depend,is just put off ^ Feb. or first of March /to last of perhaps.

F.E.H.H.

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.22nd,1880.

Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Dr.Kendall has word from Troy to see if you can come there for Sunday the 8th Feb. about - and Albany the 15th. Please write what you can do to Mrs. Harry March 202 State St. Albany, and to Dr.Kendall immediately. You could still meet me for the 19th Feb. I should think in Harrisburg Synod.

I have a letter (not at hand being in New York)from Indiana proposing three orfourmeetings mentioning places. Could you stay for them? What shall I answer?

I had quite a talk with Dr.Kendall to-day,at his own request. He says it has become more and more clear to him the last three days that you should take special charge and superintendence of the "schools"--all of which except Alaska are in your present field. It is difficult to get at facts about some of them--changes are made in the teachers, or in their location without consulting this end of the line--this makes complications on account of societies providing the salaries. You seem to be ex=ected back here--so I just throw out the idea. I hope you can go to Troy and Albany.

Dr.Hastings has just given us $50 Money was put into his hand to use.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines,Secretary.

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.23,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Washington City, D.C.
c/o Hon.John Eaton,Education Bureau.

We have received $55.00 from Pa. for New Mexico. Your statement in the "R.M.P." in regard to "pottery" entitles them,they say,to some of it. What answer shall be given. Please reply either to me, or send to Mrs. Wm. McCullough, West Chester, Pa.

Yours very truly,
M. E. Boyd.

The Morman Picture I sent to Rev. H. Lyman.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Jan.24,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

23 Centre St.,New York,Jan.24,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your postal of 23rd inst.is at hand. If you change to 25th and 26th Feb.for Harrisburg(and it does seem important for you to go to Albany and vicinity) do let me know positively at once, on account of engagements proposed at Columbus and Toledo in Ohio.

Mrs. Scovel and Mrs. Fulton of Allegheny will have to make some changes,but it is all right - only I do not like to be in the way of people. I send a list of places as at present arranged for. You see there are some awful vacuums. Mrs. Sue C.V.McKee of Mishawaka Indiana writes "I think there are several points in our Presbytery (Logansport,Indiana North) where a meeting such as you speak of might do good. Laporte, South Bend, Valparaiso,Michigan City, and Plymouth, and Logansport. If one of you ladies could come to South Bend either with or without Dr.Jackson,I feel sure it might do good, and as we are only four miles from South Bend, I think many of our ladies would be glad to join in the services."

Logansport Presbytery has been rather independent, but seems now falling into line. They support Miss Wheeler, and now promise to send money thro Mrs.Boyd.

A more important and really pressing invitation comes from Mrs.J.W.Allen of St.Louis,received last evening. It comes by regular request from Board of South West, that I should attend their annual meeting the last of March. I will enclose the letter,which please return--but cannot send it till after the 27th inst.after all--so may not do it at all- till I hear from you. It shows great confidence and a loving spirit towards us-asking me to represent them at our conference with New York and Brooklyn ladies.

They invited us from the South West a year ago, but none of us could go. I do not know what to say---March is a busy month for our Committee--and unless meetings were appointed thro March, it would not do for me to stay.

We hope you could finish up Albany and Troy from 8th Feb. to 15th inclusive and get to Harrisburg Synod the 19th, but you know best about it all.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines,Secretary.

I write to Mrs.Scovel about the interval from 18th to 25th Feb.

Thank you for change about money from Kodiak to Chilcat. I am a little disappointed at appearance of our "Bricks"; but made as I wished; would have cost $30 a 1000

P.S. - List of Places-Jan. 24/80.
Pittsburg, Feb. 17th.
Blairsville Presb'y Feb. 18th.
at Irwin Station-
Harrisburg Synod " 25th.
" " " 26th.
Cincinnati March 2nd.

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.29,1880.

Rev.Dr.Jackson,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir & Brother:

If *you* cannot stay into March,I have hardly the face to propose any meetings in Indiana etc. without you. My way does not yet open as to St Louis, but from Cairo has some a very cordial invitation, asking for what date to secure a "pass" from Cincinnati. I could not give the date, because if I stop for St.Louis,I had better put Cairo till near the time of St.Louis.

I am so glad you are to visit the Theological Seminaries.

The conference in New York passed off better than we feared. It is to be decided by ballot taken in audience present as to who will preside at the Union afternoon meeting at Madison,Wisconsin.

Half-hour to be allowed each to Boards of New York Brooklyn,Southwest and Exc.Committee,that Reports are expected from each, to be read at commencement.

We almost got into some discussion about the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian
in which Mrs.Graham wished to publish some articles,saying "there was nothing in them against"us,but it was rather staved off. On the whole we felt there was cause of thanksgiving.*I* was asked to make arrangements for a church at Madison for our Union meeting, as well as for our own. We hope to see you on your way to Albany.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

Miss Austin is to meet us again,D.V.,at 23 Centre Street at 12 M. next Tuesday,Feb.5th.
Have you made arrangements yet about her traveling expenses?

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.29,1880.

Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have heard definitely from Mrs.Scovel and have promised to be with her at Pittsburg and Blairsville Presbytery (D.V.) on Feb. 17th, and 18th.

Now I could go to some friends in Columbus,Ohio,for a few days and attend to letters,etc. there, or I could come home before going to Cincinnati; but perhaps you know of some individual churches where the women would like a meeting; or shall I retrace steps in part, and meet you in Harrisburg Synod--- I leave it for you to arrange. Dr. Roberts expects to go to Washington this week to be there on Wednesday on Colozination business, and has asked for your address there. I do not remember whether he goes Tuesday day or Tuesday night.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 centre St.New York,Feb.7th,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Albany, New York.
Dear Sir:

Rev.H.M.Bacon of Toledo,Ohio,wants you there--at your convenience after the Cincinnati meeting. He wants you to stay at his house. Will be quite disappointed if you do not come, etc.,etc. I hope you can at least finish up first week of March in Ohio, at Urbana, Columbus and Toledo.

Miss Ella Young has some pictures from her brother at Alaska,which will answer for Pittsburg; but you will please remember about yours, for other plans.

F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Feb.9th,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Care of Dr.Marsh,
202 State St Albany,New York.

Rev.Dr.Jackson:
Dear Sir:

A very urgent call has come for you to go to Bucyrus from Rev.James T.Pollock there. I hope you can give at least a week to Ohio,--Toledo,Urbana,Bucyrus,and Columbus,if no where else. Will you please prepare

notice of Farewell meeting last night--for Miss Austin-
for March number of "R.M.Pres."? I could not well
leave my family to be there--expecting to be away from
them so long.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Feb.11th,1880.

Rev.Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have come a hundred miles from my home to secure speakers for a convention at Cranbury to Jamesburg on Thursday the 19th,one week from tomorrow.

Dr.Kendall tells me that you are to be in New York on the morning of that day.

They want you very much at that place. You can leave New York 4:40 P.M. on the P.R.R. to Monmouth Junction from there to Jamesburg,for the evening service. Do come if you can. You are having hard work but I hope the Master will sustain you a little longer.

Yours in love to the Cause,
M. Gregory.

Mrs.H.D.Gregory,
Blairstown,N.J.

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23 Centre St.New York,Jan.31,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Care of John Eaton ,Esq.,
Nat'l Bureau of Education,
Washington,D.C.

Sir:

I hope by all means you may be able to speak in the 13th St.Ch.New York Sunday,Feb.8th,on occasion of Farewell to Miss Austin. I see your first engagement in Albany Synod,is Feb.9th. It is important to interest that people and S.School,as we are hoping to secure Miss Austin's salary there.

F.E.H.Haines,Sr.

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23 centre St.New York,Feb.7th,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D., 23 Centre St.,New York.(over)

We hoped you would stop here. Please take some "Logan Bricks" on your Albany trip and speak of our Mite Boxes. Any collections taken up should go to Mrs.G.C.Yeisley, Treasurer and secretary of Synodical Committee of Albany, and will be used as directed, when forwarded to Mrs. Boyd; Mrs. B.F.Potter of Schenectady is President.

F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Feb.13th,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Care of Dr.Marsh,202 State St., Albany, New York.

Mrs. J.A.P.McGaw of Urbana,Ohio,writes very urgently for you to come there on Wednesday March 3rd. They give up their regular prayer meeting to have you. It is on way to Columbus,where I hope you can be on Friday the 5th March,and Toledo the next Sunday,March 7th--at Cincinnati Mrs. Rich.Folsom invites you to stay with them, 57 Walnut St. Hoping you are not all used up before you fairly begin,Yours respectfully,

F.E.H.Haines.

I expect to take night train for Pittsburg next Monday evening.

March 8, 1880.

Rev. S. Jackson ,
Dear Sir:

Your postal received as was your telegram with many regrets. We were all greatly disappointed that you could not come. It was too bad. Ever so many wanted to see you personally as well as to hear you from the pulpit.

As your friend Gray still abuses you occasionally I always have he and Mrs.Thompson here in the same boat and did not suppose he would care to give you his pulpit,and if he did it might expose you to remarks from him, that might be uncomplimentary. But I presume I am mistaken. It is certainly very satisfactory to you especially to see how the Ladies are doing Home Mission work and so much owing to your efforts and blessed of God.

I very naturally contrast the present time of your first meeting in the lecture room of the First Church here and the one held when Mrs.Haines was here,also the one at the time of the General Assembly; all in the

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same room. Surely it is the Lord's doings. Was delighted to have Mrs. Haines here, and among the Ladies she did great good. I hope both yourself and she will return to Pittsburgh,and if we could afford to bring a Home Missionary there and elsewhere occasionally it would do the cause much good as it does for the Foreign Missions. Congratulate you upon getting your work upon Alaska out. Will try for a copy and one for our Society, as I do want to have a Home Missions Library started. Have a good many Rocky Mt.Pres'ns circulated ,selling bricks for Logan, Utah, &c., &c.

There is a Mrs. Brown the widow of an Elder --her family,her brother Wm. Alter and family,Mr.. Gray (an elder in the 6th Church here) and family, his Mother and sister and others,all relatives and will be when they all get there (to Nebraska) some thirty or more I believe. Every one of them good,earnest people, that I am sure Mr. Little will be glad to welcome. They go to Valley County, 150 miles from Kearney; will be farmers. I wanted you to get to know them,and trust you will when they get to their western homes. Some go in April,others in June and others in the fall. We shall miss them greatly for we cannot afford to lose so many such people from the 6th Church.

I imagine you at home again and having time to read my scribbling. You would laugh if you saw what I am using for my portfolio this morning. I'll tell you what it is. The "Preamble and Constitution of the Woman's Home Missions Society of the Presbyterian Church" as prepared by --well I see no name -- but I can recognize the handwriting anywhere. I resurrected it lately and showed it to Mrs. Haines. She thought the Preamble excellent and I suggested working it into my report of the Meeting held while she was here, and did so, i.e. I appended a part of it, but Bro. Allison did not see fit to publish that part and I'll never ask him why. Mr. P. joins me in regards to yourself and family.

Yours respectfully,
E. J. Paxton.

Valparaiso, Indiana,March 9/80

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Deat Sir & Brother:

"Thus far the Lord has led me on" in comfort and safety. I cannot describe the disappointment at Cincinnati about your not coming. The way is more than open for you another time. The meetings have beenwell attended, and friends say many facts new to them have been brought forward. Since I saw you have been to Cincinnati, Urbana, Columbus, Bucyrus--3 meetings there--I send on another page list of appointments, as arranged since receiving letters here at Valparaiso. It seems so strange for me to be called to such work as this. Mrs. Boyd received $1,291.13 for February.

March 11th,	Rockford,	Ills.
" 12	Clinton,	Iowa
" 13 & 14	Cedar Rapids,	"
" 15	Des Moines,	".
" 16	Omaha	Nebraska
" 17	Kansas City,	Mo.
" 18	Topeka,	Kansas.
" 20 - 23	Quincy,	Ills.
" 24	Decatur,	Ills.
" 26	Cairo,	Ills.
" 27	St.Louis,	Missouri.

Dr. Timothy Hill wants a meeting at Kansas City, and nay arrange for one. If so he is to let you know--for I am so hopeful you may meet me somewhere.

I hope Mrs.Jackson is better. My love to her.

Word has come of the death of our oldest stepson, W. A.Haines, who was at Palaski,Florida for his health. I thought at first this might call me home immediately on business, but no word has come to that effect. I know you pray about these meetings.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre Str.New York,Apr.17/80

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir & Brother:

I take almost the earliest opportunity of writing to you, the daily correspondence is so pressing. On my return a fortnight ago,I found the "Evangelist" had already brought forward your name and Dr. Dickson's. I am afraid many will not know about his health,and that any continued strain on his attention might have very serious effect. It would be a great thing to have this next a Home Missionary Assembly.

/for moderatorship of General Assembly

I have not seen Dr.Roberts hardly since my return. He has been away on account of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Mr.Roderick of Wilkesbarre,just after Dr.Roberts sister,Mrs.Roderick,had sailed for a visit back to Wales, but I hope to have a talk on Monday next.

It seems common sense that a newspaper cannot be looked after to advantage at arm's length of 1000 miles. Yet with all this it seems to give great satisfaction and still I do not believe people quite appreciate the need of such an organ for Home Missions. I do not see how we could work at all without it.

I think the proposals are encouraging that the Board of South West will cooperate with us, as to their Home Department, also the Synodical Society of Tennessee and of Iowa, also perhaps Mrs.C.J.McClung of Knoxville,Tenn. expresses great regret that I did not come to Knoxville. Had we better try it before or after the General Assembly?Also Dr. Arthur Mitchell of Chicago, whom I used to know well years ago, proposed a Home Missionary meeting in his church-(lecture room probably) for our Executive Committee. Had we better have it before or after the Assembly, so far as you can judge? I am not sure it would be best to speak of your coming too. The friends of Home Missions ought to rally to Madison this spring. The Board of H. M. is sure to be attacked, I fear, from what I heard at Pittsburg and Cincinnati. Surely it may be said of these people "they know not what they do".

Rev.Timothy Hill of Kansas is invited to address the students of Union Theological Seminary on Tuesday May 11th and Dr. Hastings writes he will be glad to have him talk on Home Missions on Sunday eve--probably the 9th--and we hope other appointments may be made.

Some one at Quincy,Ills. came to put us on our guard about Mrs. [illegible] at Santa Fe. I am glad to know you are to investigate the matter.

Such complaints only show the need of having some one superintend the work of the Mission schools and teachers. Mrs. M.E.Boyd reports receipts for past year at $11,000 and over.I have not the exact figures at hand. We must expectmore,by God's blessing,another year.

We are glad to know of Mr. Park's purchase of lot at Logan for $850,and want to help also in Prof.Conner's enlargement at Salt Lake City. Can you bring on at least one idol?

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

F.E.H.Haines.

P.S. I sent to Monford & Co. the matter already set up, but with directions to put other things sent first; and keep this for July, in case of need, for June No. I hope can be delayed as last year for our Annual Meeting report.

We ordered 1000 copies of Mrs. Norcross's paper and like it very much.

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23 Centre St.,New York,June 22"1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir & Brother:

At the last meeting of the Board of Home Missions Dr.Roberts was made President in place of Dr.Hastings. He hinself was detained by a wedding (late because the tailor was late in sending the groom's clothes) and so the business was all done up before he got there. Dr. Dickson went off the next day to Vermont. No additional help has yet been appointed. Of course I do not know what will be done. Nothing of course till the next meeting of the Board in July. The meeting was held in advance of regular time, on account of the Princeton Commencement. I am thinking about it all that we must just wait patiently on the Lord, and that He will bring to pass what is best for all.

We are very glad if the Government will pay all the salaries about which you write to Dr.Kendall. Now who knows about these places in detail? Can you give a list of exact places, and what kind of a teacher is needed for each? We have quite a number of names on hand, and are pushing inquiries about them as fast as possible. Rev.Mr. McNiece can tell us about the points in Utah, but what about New Mexico, Arizona,etc.? Miss Austin will have to have an assistant at Sitka. She has 150 scholars already, and is attempting too much work for her strength; so we fear. I have written to her. Perhaps some one there can be found to suit and so save travelling expenses. It is a little trying when you and we have so much material on hand, to have those last pages of the July number of "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" taken with matter not particularly relevant. I am glad to know from good authority that the price of paper is going down,which will make quite a difference to you.

You ask about Milwaukee and Chicago---Our visit to the former place did not accomplish much one way or another. The public meeting at Chicago fell thro. Dr. Kendall got a telegram at Milwaukee from Dr.Kittredge, saying it was given up on account of the political convention to begin on Wednesday. Our meeting was to be Monday eve. Only a few came to the Conference appointed for Tuesday P.M. The Foreign Missionary Officers had a meeting at same hour. I saw them however and was able to answer some objections, for instance,that we took women for Home work who were already fully busy with Foreign I said this was one object of a conference to get the names of good efficient women,not already taken up but Mrs. Hoge said it was difficult to find Officers for their Foreign Mission Societies, which was rather hard on Home-work. The other great objection was that all this missionary work ought to be done by Foreign Board, but they approved of the regular work of Board of Home Missions. Of this last I said we were glad--it was so difficult to educate women up to the large view. But the way in North West seems still blocked up.

Yours respectfully,
F.E.H.Haines.

I have heard from Mrs.A.H.Donelson that her father came to take her home.

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23 Centre St.New York,June 26,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Denver,Colorado.

Dear Brother:

There is a Mr.W.B.Robe at Neoga,Cumberland County, Ills., who writes for employment in some Indian Mission. He has a wife (President of Ladies'Foreign Missionary Society), a grown daughter,beginning to teach, and a son of 16,large for his age. He himself has been Supt. of Public School in Neoga for five years and is S.S.Supt. also. He writes a good plain hand.

I wrote to his pastor,Rev.John W. Johnson, who speaks well of the family,but says he does not know what work among the Indians is, and so does not know whether Mr. Robe is qualified for it; but says he is quite popular as Principal of the public school; says Mrs. Robe is a very superior lady. I have written to Mr.Johnson again about Mr.Robe.

If all proves satisfactory how would he and family do for the Navajos Boarding School? Is it necessary the Superintendent mentioned in your list of salaries to be paid by the Government should be a minister?

I am inquiring about various teachers as fast as possible.

It would be a nice thing if Mr.Robe could be Supt. at$1000, Mrs. Robe,Matron at$600 and daughter,teach at $720 = $2,320.

I am quite tempted to go myself - only too old. I wrote the other day to know more about these Government schools.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines,Secretary.

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23 Centre St.,New York,June 28,1880.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find receipt for $14.52.+ for which please accept thanks.

It is pleasant to receive gifts from the far distant Island, and to feel that loyal Christian hearts everywhere are interested in the great work committed to us in God's providence. The new year openes auspiciously.

Yours very truly,
M. C. Boyd.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Aug.11th,1880.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I have been away for two days. Find now a note from Dr.Kendall asking me to send you an abstract of qualifications,especially as to music, of the teachers about whom we arranged last Saturday. This abstract is intended to help the Presbyt's make any changes of location it may seem best; but please see that notice is sent to us promptly as to any such changes being made,with some reason, in short,given for them.

Now as the "testimonials,etc" are all at the Office, and I save a day's time by writing at home, I have done the best I can in a hurried way. I think you,sir,can judge after seeing these teachers,whereit is best for you to place them.

I have not taken time to say anything as to each having a consecrated missionary spirit, and common sense, but we have sought to have only such receive a commission. I wrote to each one, except Prof. Scott and daughter, and Miss Kumler, and note last Saturday , on back of little copygraph circular, one of which I enclose. Dr.Kendall asks me to remind you "that while the appointments have been made according to our best knowledge, still they ought to be carefully considered by the Presbytery of Utah, and altered according to their wisdom.

Yours respectfully,
F.E.H.Haines,Sec.

+ From New Zealand.

23 Centre St.,New York,Aug.11,1880.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have got this list from Rev.W.H.Roberts,now stated clerk protem of General Assembly.

Detroit Meeting,comes 2nd Thursday, Oct. 14th.
Ills. Central, Quincy, Ills. " " "
Indiana South - Evansville,Ind.,Friday after 2nd
Tuesday , Oct. 15th.
Cleveland - Salem, Ohiothe3rd Tuesday Oct. 19th.
Illinois,North - Kankakee,Ills. 3rd Tuesday Oct. 19.
Indiana North - Fort Wayne, 3rd Thursday Oct. 21.
Illinois South - Centralia,Ills. 3rd Thursday,Oct.21.

Detroit and Fort Wayne are the only places to which invited.

What will you do about my going elsewhere? It does not help matters to push forward where not wanted - I wonder which Dr. Kendall will take. Then you will go to others?

F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Aug.18th,1880.

Dr. Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.
Dear Sir & Brother:

I am sure it will be quite impossible for Miss Tillie A Wray to meet either you or Mr.Kennedy by the 25th or 26th instants. Still I have written to her urging her to be ready to get to Omaha by the 11th of September.

Mrs.Geo. L.Little writes very kindly in regard to providing for these teachers over Sept. 12th, etc.

Please make no arrangements for us with Miss Grimstead. She has been tried on the foreign field and - - - - - - - Mrs. Graham,under whose direction she went to Siam,told me she would not take her for a Home Missionary, and this just at a time when she was looking for teachers and we gave her Miss Lawes. I will write another time about Miss McMullin. If she prefers New Mexico,it seems to me she might go there. I will do as you suggest for next Rocky--too late this month.

We are glad of that $100 for Mr. Taylor's house. I had already written to him to go on with the building of it.

Yours respectfully,
F.E.H.Haines.

P.S. - I shall send orders from Mr. Eaton on Rail Roads to each teacher in time (D.V.) also a check for $100 to meet travelling expenses--Balance to be credited on salary.

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23 Centre St.New York,Aug.31st,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D., (Postal card)
Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Sir:

We are so thankful to know of your being better. It has not been thought best to delay the teachers after the 11th September. There were so many complications - Mr.W.R.Robe,wife and daughter are ready to go at a month's notice. In view of uncertainty he had to make a conditional engagement. His address is Neoga,Cumberland Co.,Illinois. I will send your Daisy's nice Postal,to Dr.Kendall. Several new teachers are on hand, and all expecting to go to Utah. I think Mr. Robe rather hopes for that Navajo Mission.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

Northfield, Mass., Sept. 6th,1880.

Dr.Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,Colorado.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I thank God at receipt of another note from you, and have sent it to Dr.Kendall for an answer to you about the Synods. The New Jersey meetings are changed to Oct. 6th and 7th, therefore I now expect to go to Detroit for the 13th and 14th October, taking Harrisburg and perhaps Philadelphia on the way.

I do not see that there is then any thing more for me to do, except to come home again direct.

I have written to Dr. Little at Omaha about the teachers, not supposing you could get there. Our teacher,Miss Cary,went to Chicago, and was persuaded off to Persia. I have telegraphed to Miss Nellie Bartlett to take her place if possible, pro tem.

It is too bad about the Rocky Mt. Pres. The Foreign Board may not understand it - I hope you will explain in October Number.

And then, to make room for this, other "matter," I had sent on, was left out.

Dr. Roberts I have not seen yet. He was just coming home the day I left. I hope to do so next week Monday.

Do take care of yourself.

F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

Huntingdon, Pa.,Oct.11,1880.

Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir & Brother:

I left home last week Tuesday morning. The Board of Home Missions had a meeting the day before. I stopped to get a report on my way to the train.. Dr. Roberts was off to Presbytery but Mrs. Roberts said nothing was done--for the simple reason there was so much business on hand they did not get to it. Our school work,etc. as not even mentioned, nor your own name. There will be another meeting (D.V.) in a fortnight,when we must hope to have the subject come up. Perhaps Dr.Roberts has written to you. So many pressing letters followed me, I could not keep up with them.

We had excellent meetings at Salem,N.J.(Synodical), and one really encouraging at Philadelphia at 1334 Chestnut St. Assembly Room. Mrs. Newkirk sent out 70 invitations. Mrs. Green, Gregory, Boyd, and I all said a few words, and Miss Noble took up the time. Dr. Dunn presided, and was appealed to to see to Synod of Philadelphia.

We had a good meeting at Harrisburg yesterday (Sunday) afternoon in Dr. Robinson's Lecture Room, and now again at Huntingdon--am now just off for Detroit.

Do you remember a Miss Weistling here? She has been at Cablistc Barracks helping them, and I think more favorably of her. She might do well at one of the new Indian stations. I hope you are stronger.

F.E.H.Haines.

Detroit,Mich.Oct.12,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D., (Postal card)
Galesburg, Illinois.

Rev.Dr.Jackson:
Dear Sir:

When can you probably go to Boston? Rev. F.L. Marsden can arrange for me to be there the 22nd Friday, and 24th Sunday---I am expecting to go to the Temperance Convention the 27th inst. and have friends with whom I could go on with usual work between. If you think I had better want for you about the Home Missionary meetings later, please telegraph me care of Rev.E.B.Mason,407 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit,Michigan, where I am to be D. V. until Friday. When I see Dr. Kendall,who is here,I shall know better which to do next.

F.E.H.Haines.

New York, Oct. 31,
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dr.Jackson:

Your notes,both received. I shall send my letter "copy" for pecember number. Had thought myself an Index quite desirable, and was going to write you about it. I hope Mr. Harry will prevent your coming to New York and Washington. Dr. Kendall had a chill, but was expected home last Saturday. Our Committee meets (D.V.) tomorrow,after which I hope to write again. There has been a large failure in Tucson, in which I fear the friends looking after Mrs. Chandler and Miss Stewart are concerned--Am glad Mrs. J. is better.

F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 centre St.New York,Nov.8,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Galesburg,Ills.

Dear Sir:

You have probably heard from Dr.Roberts. I have not fairly seen him since my return via Boston a few days ago. How much I wish this were better news to send you. Mrs.Roberts says that request from Presbytery of Colorado did not help the matter before the Board, which was not prepared to make any appointment about Supt.of Schools just now. I do not want to write much about it, not having any information direct, but am still forced to believe and glad to believe that God will take care of His own work and in the best way. Also I must and do believe that He will order all things that regard you personally in the best way for you and yours, as well as for His own glory. Here we may and can rest.

About the "paper" I do not hear that anything was done either, and I am not sorry just now about this. It is better at present you should have control and any change can be made in the course of the year,without wrong to the subscribers, so long as they get equivalent to what promised. When you come on the last of the month it will be in time to decide about any change of publishers. It would be such an advantage to see proof sheets, and to see the most important things always go in.

Yours truly & respectfully,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec'y.

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23 Centre St.New York,Nov.9th,1880.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg, Ills.

Dear Sir & Brother:

My absence from home has caused some delay, but I hope to hear this week from Miss McKean and Miss.Wray, as to how soon they can go.

Tomorrow I expect to meet Mrs.Ashbel Green, as sub-Committee with power to decide several matters and I will speak about Miss Emma S. Fletcher, with the understanding that you are responsible as to her being able to furnish the certificates needed.

Miss Verbeek's case is to be settled tomorrow (D.V.) She can probably be released from her present engagement as City Missionary.

Do not say anything more about Miss Weistling; she is *good*, but will not answer. Her deafness is a sufficient reason to give. I am inquiring about one or two others. I wrote the other day to you--I do hope you will just keep on as usual this year. The way was not open for any change. Dr. Roberts will explain when you see him. Your room is ready here the 20th inst. or whenever you choose. If I know what a lady-clerk would probably expect as salary, I could write to better advantage. We might engage one here at Elizabeth to work here with me a part of the time, here at the house. I wonder how many days it takes to mail the"paper."

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

It is decided that Mr. & Mrs. Perkins go to the Navajos (D.V.)---What is her address?

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23 centre St.New York,Dec.2nd,1880.

Dr. Jackson,
Galesburg, Ills.

Dear Sir:

We have an application from a Miss Clara Shurtleff of Charleston, Coles Co.,Ills. that promises extremely well, both from her own and by long letter from Rev.W.W. Faris, Clinton, Ills. She has taught 16 years; is 37 years old, would like New Mexico; is the principal of the school at Charleston, but could leave with a month's notice; is an unusually acceptable teacher, competent in affairs, refined, yet apt in the more unpleasant forms of Christian work. Health not vigorous,but good, has not lost a day from school in a year. She reads Greek and Latin and is studying German".

Now if you were not on "stilts" I would propose your going to see her.

These letters have just come--I answer to-day, making further inquiries. Will you not write also? Perhaps she could come to see you.

Nothing is said about singing or other music.

Miss Hammeker must have help--Also there is that vacancy at Jemez.

When you write,be sure to say how your foot is getting on.

Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines,Sec.

I think all will prove satisfactory about Messrs.Kipp and Higgins and Mrs.W.W.Morton at Conejo's. We have further letters.

Postal of 30th ult. just received. I am sorry about that Utah letter being too late.

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23 Centre St.New York,Dec.3rd,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg,Illinois.

Dr.Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Our resources as to teachers are increasing. Two more good applications to-day--a Miss Mary Crowell of Iola,Allen Co.,Kansas, can go at short notice. I like her letter very much,and am making immediate inquiries. She has taught eight years--and more in Ohio, and I think the case promising. I do not know about music. Will tell her to write to you also. Perhaps you had better write to see if she could meet you to go toNew Mexico, and we can telegraph decisions. Yours truly,

F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.New York,Dec.4th,1880.
(Postal card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg, Knox Co., Illinois.

Rev.Dr.Jackson,

Dear Sir:

A letter has come from Miss H.N.Phillips,very satisfactory. We talked of her for Matron among the Navajos. Will you correspond with her at once, for as her salary is promised from Troy, no doubt she will be recommended for Commission at our meeting next Tuesday, the 7th inst. She is sorry not to be with Miss Verbeck, but willing to go where appointed. She expects to stay at Topeka,Kansas,until the 5th instant. I wonder if you could stop to see her. I suppose a letter to Miss H.N. Phillips,Topeka,Kansas,would do--or to care of Dr.McCabe

F.E.H.Haines,Sec.

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23 centre St.New York,Dec.4th,1880.
(Postal Card)

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.
Galesburg, Knox Co.,Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Good news to-day from Illinois North. Dr. Blackburn sends the following names as appointed by the Synod as Synodical Committee:

Mrs. E. C. Sickles, Chairman,	Dixon, Illinois.
" W. F. Wood,	Peotone, "
" M. B. Goddard,	Winnebago, "
" Thomas Galt,	Aurora, "

I write to them all to-day. Dr. Very good accounts come from Park College about Misses Kipp and Higgins,and others there are preparing for work. "Copy" has come back from Messrs.Montford. I am afraid some special December things are left out.

F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.,New York, Dec.7th,1880.

Dr.Jackson,
Galesburg, Ills.
Dear Sir:

I find your note of the 3rd on my return from New York. Our Committee met to-day. Miss Verbeck was there for a while. We are pleased with her. We shall arrange (D.V.) to have her and Miss McKean come on together as early as possible in January next.

Miss Phillips is ready to go perhaps about the same time, from Three Rivers, Michigan. It seems a pity she has to go back from Topeka there. We thought of her for Matron among the Navajos. How soon does the work begin there? Does Mrs. perkins keep on with the school at Santa Fe until after Christmas?

We are for pressing the work and yet it would be bad to get in debt. Some one must go to Zuni--Dr.Kendall is to make inquiries further in a day or two. I think perhaps that Miss Mary Crowell, now at Iola,Kansas,might go there.

I wish your foot got on faster--

Here it is the 7th instant and I have not yet received a copy of Dec. Rocky.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Dec.10,1880.
(Postal Card)

Mrs.Jackson,
Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg,Knox Co.,Ills.
Dear Mrs.Jackson:

I do not know but that a letter from Dr.Jackson may have been among others sent by one of my family yesterday. Do you know whether he sent me any word about Miss Shurdeff of Charleston,Ills.? I receive very high testimonials in her favor. I hope you feel half as much acquainted with me as I do with you. I sympathize with you in anxiety about that foot--and with all this going about--but Dr. J. is in God's Hands.

Yours affectionately,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.New York,Dec.30,1880.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I am so glad to hear from you. Your ideas and mine as to the allotment of teachers quite agree, and I hope since your letter has come, the Committee of Board,and ours will agree to send Miss Crowell to Zuni, only you say nothing about Mrs.Ealy's having come back to her school, This has given us the idea that no one is needed at Zuni now. So you will have to write again on this subject.

Miss Verbeck, 131 Second St.,Troy,N.Y.,wants to know just what school furniture etc. she needs for Hot Springs. The friends there at Troy are raising money for her. I have written to her to wait until hearing from you before making any purchases; that probably you could order from Chicago at lower rates,etc. Do you know exactly of a place where she can go to board on arrival for a few days? If not, do you know of rooms for her? Where can a stove be bought? Should it be a cooking stove?

When she arrives, do keep her at Albuquerque till she can be made decently comfortable at Hot Springs? Is she to teach in Spanish? I thought not, when she asked. Still it may be best for her to study at Albuquerque for two or three weeks. You will have to judge---

Much to Miss Shurtleff's surprise, she received an appointment without previous correspondence from the Congregational Board,Boston, for Utah. I telegraphed her to wait that we considered her engaged for Jemez--but tho I have written also, no answer has come yet.

It seems quite a wonder you were able to find a building so large, as the ground plan shows, for that Pueblo school.

I wish some one would report what bedding had arrived. We really do not know much about Ocate and Zuni--as to whether chapels are paid for, etc., etc.

Now about Albuquerque you said something about a church there. Is there money on hand towards it? How much more is needed? When will it be wanted?

Do you and Mrs. Jackson keep yourselves comfortable? I was directed to write to Mrs.Perkins to stay at Santa Fe,until Mr.Perkins reported a place was ready at the Navajo Mission, and that Miss Phillips was to stay with Mrs. Perkins at Santa Fe and both go on to Arizona together. You write as if the.Mission could be started sooner than we supposed.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Jan.7th,1881.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

All the reason we proposed delay about Mrs. Perkins' leaving Santa Fe was because of her own comfort. So now as you and Mr. Perkins both think they can go right on, I have written to that effect.

Mrs. Perkins seemed to be expecting a sister of hers to help her after a while, tho not strong enough to go now, so we conclude it is best to carry out the plan of sending Miss H. N. Phillips still.

Miss Verbeck,Miss Phillips and Miss Shurtleff expect to go on together, meeting at Clinton, Illinois, or at Kansas City, on the 15th instant, and on the next week are to go on their way (D.V.). I do not know that this note will find you, as you wrote of leaving Albuquerque the first week in January. It seems quite wonderful how you persevere in face of so many discouragements; but I think you are able to rest in the Lord thro it all, for I remember your prayers here in my little Home-waiting-room. The Lord bless and keep you. My love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines,Sec.

Jan.7th--our "paper" not come yet--neither do I know whether name is changed, or more pages to a number.

If a Boy's Home is started in Alaska,do you prefer Fort Wrangel to Sitka? Would the Government help support it?

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23 Centre St.,New York,

Dr.Jackson,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Our plans all around seem to be coming together very well. Miss Verbeck expects to leave Kansas City about Jan. 17th, Miss Phillips we think will come with her, and stop at Santa Fe,and help Mrs.Perkins there until Mr.Perkins reports buildings are ready for them at the Navajo Agency.

There has been some hitch about Miss Shurtleff--she received an appointment from Congregational B. Boston, without any previous correspondence, but waited to hear from us.

About Miss Crowell, it was not thought safe on account of severe weather to have her attempt Zuni, and

and now we hear that Mrs. Ealy is back at work again. But Miss Crowell will wait I think for some other place. Mesilla, by Miss Anne Ross' letter, wants one teacher only, herself, since the Romish school has been opened. There may be a place for her (Miss Crowell) in Utah. We hear Rev. W. C. Cort has had a worse accident than yours losing a part of his left hand. I do not know how. Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St. New York, Jan. 14, 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir & Brother:

Miss Verbeck and probably Miss Phillips will meet (D.V.) at Kansas City tomorrow, the 15th inst. A public meeting probably, on Sunday. I think arrangements have been made for them to go to Albuquerque.

We have had a disappointment as to Miss Shurtleff's getting off. Just at the last moment, the Trustees of Public School voted "no", tho they had said "yes" as to her being released from engagements at Charleston, Ills. So she has to wait until May. Next Tuesday we have a meeting and it may be decided whether to send Miss Crowell to Jemez. It seems so doubtful whether you receive this I will not write more.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St. New York, Feb. 28, 1881.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Miss Christine Ritter of Mt. Sterling, Illinois, Brown Co. - seems worth looking after as seamstress--she is highly recommended by Mrs. J. C. Curry of that place, as a Christian and as understanding her business as dressmaker and seamstress. Rev. J. Y. Lowrie, Pastor, and three members of Session "join in bearing testimony to the worth of Miss Ritter, and express their judgment every way qualified to fill the position of Matron or seamstress in our Home Mission schools for Indians."

When your report comes as to Mrs. Taintor, and others, I will at once rush inquiries about others if necessary.

If Miss Crowell and Miss Leonard are not wanted in

New Mexico, we may propose them for Utah.

I trust you may have a good meeting at Cincinnati tomorrow.

Yours respectfully,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,May 9th,1881.

Rev.S.Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Can you prepare for us a careful statement of the needs of the Missions in Alaska, Arizona, and New Mexico?

This is needed as much in detail as to estimates as possible, for use at Buffalo.

By consent of Board I telegraphed to Albuquerque last Wednesday to Prof.Shearonto supply himself with help instantly--so I hope all is now going on well there. Miss Stewart and Mrs.Chandler had arraived safely after some detention at Wilcox Station on the 29th ult. and had heard from Col.Tiffany about taking stage.

We hope to see you next week at Buffalo.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,June 8,1881.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir & Brother:

On Monday last,Mrs.Langdon,whose husband and little boy were both quite sick,sent her carriage for me to come to see her, as she could not come to our meeting. /yesterday. It was to tell me of her proposed gift of a bell to Alaska, and said she had spoken to you about it, and thought you wanted the check sent to you. Please write me about this, for we do not understand. As things are at Sitka, and no building owned there, a bell does not seem very important,especially as it seems there are a number of bells on the Greek Church there. But at the Mission among the Chilcats, a bell might be very useful, as well as attractive. But if the Bell is to go from Troy, the money would be needed here. Perhaps you have plans that would make this all plain.

About those sad Sitka reports, it is thought nothing can be done until you sift both sides, and report to Dr.Kendall. We hope there may have been exaggerations.

I am inquiring about a Mr.James H.Willson of Morning Sun,Iowa, who wants a place in some Indian Mission for himself and family. He has 25 years experience as a teacher; is a nephew of the late Dr.James A.Willson of R.R.Theological Seminary,Allegheny,Pa.

May God watch over you.

F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 centre St.,New York,June 20th,1881.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Sir & Brother:

You know the money to pay for that Chilcat Building has got to be raised by us in driblets probably, and we must put the enterprise in taking form. Can you make out a little schedule for me as for nails--so much -- glass, hinges and door knobs, lime, doors, desks, chairs, bed-room furniture, table crockery, etc., etc.

Such things,Societies or Bands will undertake when their mite may seem lost in a $2,000 effort.

I write to-day from Saratoga - Dr. Hastings preached for Dr.Stryker yesterday,and promised to speak at a H.M. meeting called for this afternoon. No word yet from New York.

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

Excuse defaced sheet--My stock of paper is getting low and I must use such as on my friends -

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Schenectady, New York,June 18,1881.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,
Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Mr. Boyd tells me the money from Mrs.Langdon has been sent to you. I am very glad the Bell is for the Chilcats.

Mrs. Kendall advised, so Dr.Kendall said, that I should write to Miss A. at Sitka. This I have done this morning,asking her to show the note to her mother and to you. I tried to make it plain we did not wish to judge her too hastily, and without hearing the facts from herself. The Lord guide you in a verydifficult duty. When your report comes, the Board and Committee will have to act some way. The Board had a quorum for business but did not for Election on Tuesday last,and were to meet again for latter purpose to-day. The Lord guide them.

Unfortunately the matter has been talked over at Elizabeth. I never said a word, and do not know who did. I asked Dr. & Mr. Norcross for first or second Sunday in July. At first there seemed prospect of acceptance, but word has just come they go to Galesburg on 21st instant. We must commit the matter to the Lord, as well as your special work this summer. I am touched at your special and definite request for prayer, and have already spoken of it to two or three.

I write from Judge Potter's hospitable home at Schenectady. It is pleasant to find your name such a household word--and the family connection hasbeen explained to me. Tomorrow Sunday, and part of next week, I expect to be in Saratoga, and may go farther north.

Write whether a teacher should be secured for Chilcat Mission. If so, when should she be sent?

I I note your borrowing of money for building. When are you to pay it back? Do you wish to do it in installments?

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St., New York, June 29, 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir & Brother:

Among other things, we want you to straighten out and get names for us on scholarships, the places where called for I enclose.

I send list also of children taken by name--and wish against each you would add a line, as to whether seen by you--whether promising and doing well; and mentioning any special wants.

This is troublesome about these scholarships, but no other object seems to please some Societies or Bands so well. Well you got the Telegram I hope, telling of our new Secretary. It was a most unanimous election--not even a nomination was made, but each member just took out his pencil and wrote the name. Princeton is pleased and even Dr. Allison of Pittsburg. Dr. Roberts begins work D.V., July 1st, but the inconsiderate Session here asked him not to leave the pulpit vacant, until September, when it would be better were this quite off his mind.

If in addition to filling out the names sent, you could send me some new names either at Chilcat, Sitka, or Ft. Wrangel, ready to give out, as asked for, it would help very much. Shall the Chilcat school be called "Sheldon"

Jackson School"?

Yours truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,July 12th,1881.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,
Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

Dear Sir & Brother:

In the midst of your deep anxieties I am glad to be able to send you quite a beam of sunshine--viz. a donation of $1000, for the Building at Chilcat from Mrs. Ellen Adams, thro Mrs.H.G.O.Cary of Zanesville, Ohio. Please take time to write Mrs. Cary, as the correspondence has been with her. One morning about a week ago, one of my waking thoughts was how only a year ago $1000 was sent by our friend beloved (Mrs.Thomas.M. Sinclair- and I wondered in my heart whether God would give us this year any large sums, or whether He would provide for His work by a number of small ones. That morning's mail brought a letter from Mrs. Cary, saying in postscript that an aunt of hers had given her $1000 for Home Missions and asking where it was needed. I wrote at length in regard to three great objects on hand, and she chose Chilcat Building. The money is no doubt received by Mrs Boyd. I must see what the arrangements are about your having it to use.

Jemez matters not satisfactory. Miss Shurleff left and returned home to Illinois after a short stay. Accounts of reasons do not quite tally--Mr.Shields writes she was sick, had consumption--feared hemorrage and so it was best for her to get home. She writes she was expected to do house-work,instead of paying board, tho she offered to pay.a Mexican woman to do her share of the house-work. She says nothing of being sick. If not sick, it seems to me she ought at least to have gone to Albuquerque to wait further directions instead of starting right back to Illinois. But we hope to get at facts before long.

Then Prof.Shearerwrites me rather a threatening letter of throwing up the work, if Miss Lora B. Shields does not come right back; that she had leave of absence for sixty days only. I have just written him that it being now the 12th it is impossible for her to get back on the 15th July,the date he fixed; besides she is not well enough to go back yet. He had heard we meant to keep her East"for an unlimited period". I wrote it was only for the good of the school, to raise money for it--

and that a short time only was talked of. I know you will pray about all this. It being in your field, New Mexico, I thought you ought to know, tho sorry to trouble you. Miss Shurtleff wrote Miss Harris had agreed to go to Hot Springs, tho nothing was arranged for comfortably there, nothing but earthfloor to school-room. I have written to Miss Harris to have a board-floor put down at once.

Our new secretary seems to be taking hold grandly. He is invited to speak at Saratoga on the 31st, then takes a vacation until September. I received your letter from Portland, Oregon.

Yours truly and with best wishes,
F.E.H.Haines, Sec.

Circular letter to Teachers.

P. S. - It is proposed that as many of our new teachers as possible should meet at Omaha, Nebraska, on Saturday, Sept.11th. One of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs.Geo.L.Little, lives there, and will arrange for your stay over Sunday the 12th Sept. Please write to her two or three weeks beforehand, saying when she may expect you; by what train exactly. Write to me also, as soon as you can about it.

Dr.Sheldon Jackson will probably see you from Omaha to Salt Lake City. We think you are to go to but some changes will probably be made after your arrival in Utah.

Would you like an advance of part of the first quarter's salary? Your traveling expenses to the field, will be paid by our Executive Committee. Half-fare tickets are already secured beyond Omaha. Try to get a reduction this end of the journey. Let me know if you succeed.

The list for outfit is just for a guide, and need not limit you.

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23 Centre St., New York, Oct.5th, 1881.

Dr.Sheldon Jackson,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your welcome letter was received last evening.

I have written to Mr.O.D.Eaton about the $1000, but do not know whether he can do anything until the next meeting of the Board.

Then as to your coming on just now. Drs Kendall and Roberts are both away attending meetings of Synod beyond the Mississippi. Dr. Roberts may go to New Mexico, so they may not both be at home before early in November. Now the question is whetherit would be of much practical use for you to come before the Secretaries are on hand, as nothing positive would be decided without them. One important thing is about the San Carlos Agency. I enclose letters from Tucson, Arizona, showing how Mrs. Chandler and Miss Stewart have had to take refuge there, and are waiting further orders. They wrote that Col. Tiffany told them to look to the Board of Home Missions for pay, after September 1st. We do not understand. Perhaps a conontract has been made by Dr. Kendall with the Government, but neither Mr. Boyd nor Mr. Eaton know about it, if so--and we cannot well send money to Government employees. So you see this matter needs attention. We have kept Miss Shields at work visiting societies, and she has secured several scholarships and interestpeople in her work very much. Next week I expect to be in Jersey City at Dr. Fisher's Church in 3rd St. near Jersey Avenue, but it would be Foreign Missions in afternoon. Then I expect to be away from home until Saturday morning the 15th. On Tuesday evening, the 18th, inst. - I have promised (D.V.) to attend a Synodical meeting at Williamsport, Penn., with Miss Shields.

Now would it not be best for you to visit some of the Synods, this side of the Mississippi if you are able that is, not too much tired out to do anything?

The lists you send will be most helpful in interesting the Bands, etc.

I hope you approve of our special effort to raise money for Chapels in Utah--A few seem to fear about it.

What a time you have had-- It seems as if you ought to rest a while, and yet here I was proposing the Synods!

My love to Mrs. Jackson, and thank your Daisy for her nice Postal to me.

Yours very truly & respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St., New York, Oct. 24th, 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Jacksonville, Ills.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I have another letter from Mrs. Perkins, greatly tried for want of clothing for the children in the school. They have 37 boarding pupils. She pays two Indian women $15 each a month and board. The other letter read more as if they received $30 each.

Can anything be done until you go to Washington? Will the Government pay these servants' wages? or does it put a certain sum in hands of Board of Home Missions to expend as thought best? I do hope you found Mrs. Jackson better. I do not yet know when Dr. Roberts will be back, as he may go to California. Then Dr.Kendall has been sick, as perhaps you found out. He has had chills- so the Office is still at quite a standstill.

Yours respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Nov.14,1881.

Rev.Dr.Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

In my note of the other day I may not have mentioned Mrs. Perkins'wants at the Navajo Mission. She needs clothing for the 41 pupils in her boarding school. Is she paid directly to the Government, or is there a contract from Government with our Board? What about the Moquis?

On Thursday of this week I have engaged (D.V.) to go at 11 A.M. with Mr. Boyd to a meeting in Dr.Parkhurst's lecture room. He has promised to be there. I wish I could give up my place to you, but do not feel at liberty to propose it, and just mention the engagement that you may know I do not expect to be at home in Elizabeth on Thursday morning--in case you thought of stopping here then. Let me know when you will come. If not till Friday morning I would stay over in New York Thursday night and meet you at 23 Centre St. on Friday morning. Else not --

So you see I need to know your plans.

I am so glad Messrs. Boyd and Eaton go to Washington Miss Shields goes thro (D.V.) in December,and perhaps I may meet her there.

Yours respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

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23 Centre St.,New York,Dec.24th,1881.

Dr.Jackson,
Galesburg, Ills.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I am sorry about that 3rd floor--was a little afraid about it,for it is a nice place. When you come in January,try your old quarters up at this house,and then we can look elsewhere. Probably Misses Sargeant would answer pro tem. even for Mrs. Jackson.

That California Synodical Report shows rising interest ---let us be thankful.

I hope you may be successful about Mrs. Perkins' wants at Fort Defiance. I do not understand about Mr.Taylor for San Carlos, but thought Mr. Hudson was talked of for there---but will ask.

We have excellent applications on hand from teachers I have already answered Rev.Wm.Roland's note to Dr.Kendall about the Melodeon, that it be sent from Wells Minnesota to Wellsville,Utah, a letter coming about the same time from Miss Best, begging to have an instrument of some kind sent there.

Hoping to see you early next year,

Yours sincerely,
F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

Letters from Mrs. James Lorimer Graham, President of the "Ladies Board of Missions," New York City, during the years 1879-1881.

The Ladies Board of Missions,
New York, Mar. 24, 1879.

Dear Brother:

Yours was received and thanks for your promise to do what you can for us at Santa Fe. We are going to send the money down to Mr. Smith, the amount he offers to take in compromise and which the H. Board approves and I trust that will settle all difficulties with him. Other complications are constantly springing up, and I must say I am sometimes at my wit's ends. Mrs. Sharon wrote me about Mrs. Day, a very nice person who was helping her in the school, but was about to remove to Albuquerque and would like to begin a schoolthere, if we would sanction it--Dr. Kendall thought it would be a good move, and two days after came a letter from Mrs. Griffith that she has taken the start and gone or going to Albuquerque with promises of a school. What then becomes of the school at Sinisre? You will see many things to settle, good many that I know nothing of, I presume. I hope that you will put things right, and make them stay put. You are mistaken in supposing that we are against Mrs. Griffith. If you will only establish her at some point and get her to stick, at a steady work, we will do our best to help it and sustain her. I was glad to learn from Mrs. Sharon's last letter, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction had been to visit the school, which has 73 pupils enrolled. I gave her $20 towards expenses, promising to allow as I understand, $1 per capita. This shows that it must be working up to some reputation. Mrs. S. has some plan for visiting this summer and trying to establish school at different points. Another matter I would like you to advise with her about is, whether the arrangement can be made for an assistant out there, or whether it will be best to send one from the East--Perhaps however this cannot be decided until after it is decided whether Mr. Smith stays at Santa Fe or Mr. Gage goes there--still, it will be well to inquire.

You need not be afraid of the hair of your head, if it grows tighty on. All we want is credit for what we do and have done. When the Board publish that Ladies Societies have purchased property they should say the Ladies Board, for we are sole owners of property at San

a Fe and for a long time as you know not a woman lifted
hand to help or gave the least interest to Home work
ut our Board, therefore let us have the credit of it.

Yours truly,

M. Graham.

April 4, 1879.

ear Brother:

Sitting under the sadness of the shadow of death, I
et send you a few lines in regard to the Master,s work.
very dear sister-in-law, stricken with paralysis,has
ied to-day, and I myself have been quite sick for the
ast two weeks with a severe cold,so that the Dr. has
ot allowed me to go out. Par consequence,I have heard
ot a word from Centre St., as they are never in a hurry
o answer letters and if I want information must go in
erson. Deprived of this, I have nothing very new to
ffer; but still thought to have a few lines to reach
ou at Santa Fe. You promised to make along with Mrs.
haron to make thorough examination of school building
nd let us know what was wanted. We have a very lovely
oman of about 50, who has taught and is a devoted Christian
daughter of a clergyman. She offers to go free of
alary to do what she can. I thought she would be a
leasant companion and helper to Mrs. Sharon. I have
ot had time to write her myself about her, but you might
ave some talk with her. We have made inquiries about
his lady which are most satisfactory. Mrs. S. had some
lans about a tour to ascertain about possibility of establishing
schools. Please talk with her also about this.
Then let me know about Mrs.Griffith. Is she going to
stay at Albuquerque or go to Socorro? I told Dt.Kendall
if we could raise the money,I should be willing to take
er at either Station. Would not scholars at A. pay
onthly to lessen salary? It is a pretty hard matter
to raise 500 for [illegible] Teacher,when we don't find any Church
to do it but to come in driblets from several. Miss
Moss proposed to have her friend go out to San Louis and
give up a portion of her salary,thinking if made up to
600 the two being together could divide it, each then
aving $300. I should like to learn from you about these
points for guidance; let it be when you have time. After
our Annual Meeting,April 21st,I shall have more time to
devote to these matters. Alaska has diverted considerable
from New Mexico, but all is needed.

Yours truly,

48 West 10th St. J. M. Graham.

48 West 10th St., June 11, 1879.

Dear Brother:

A thousand things have prevented my thanking you sooner for all the trouble you took in inspecting the Building at Santa Fe, and estimating the necessary outlays to be made. We shall send down the $200, if not all at once, yet as soon as we can command it. I wish you had been able also to give me some idea what to do in regard to the Squatter on the property. Mrs. Sharon writes me, that they will not let the children cross the yard even, and as possession is nine-tenths of the law, I fear that we will not be able to dispossess the man. It seems very strange that he should be allowed thus to settle himself down and keep the ground. Perhaps Mrs. Mc Farland may be possessed of some information about it that may prove useful. This is the last year in which to take any action about it. I was in hopes that Dr. Kendall would have settled it when he went to Santa Fe, but as I understand things remain in statu quo. I saw Mr. Smith of Santa Fe and intended to ask him particularly about it, but he gave us the slip when in New York although Mrs. Holden invited him to stay at her house. At Saratoga there was no time; every moment was taken up. Our Ladies Board had a very fine Home Missionary meeting; it was complimented as the best conducted one held there. I wrote an account and sent it for the Rocky Mountain Pres'n, requesting its insertion, but it was not put in. I thought they would be glad to publish it in the interests of Home Missions, as they used to quote from our Mission Field other articles.

Mr. Smith spoke very well, as also Miss Gallagher-Coyner and McMillan. Every one spoke to me afterwards about the meeting, and many letters have come saying it was very interesting. I am sure it will do good to the cause.

Will you not have time to write me something for our Mission Field in regard to Alaska? I trust the catholics will not seriously molest and disturb the work there. I hope to hear soon of the buildings going on, and the next best news that they are completed.

Yours with kind Christian regards

J. M. Graham.

48 West 10th St.

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48 West 10th St., Friday Sept.12,'79.

Dear Brother:

Your letter reached me Wednesday evening but I was away from home yesterday, and so delayed answering until to-day. There are many things in Santa Fe which I should like to trust to your consideration, and write you of confidentially, as I am aware that often with the best intentions, things are not taken just as intended. I have considerable anxiety about the school, from the fact of not knowing Mrs. Sharon personally, I do not altogether understand her views and management, yet have been told by her that the school has found favor with the people and was increased almost to 100 in number, and we want to do all we can for it. Still it is not our only station in New Mexico, and we cannot put others aside to build up only this one. We must somewhat equalize our outlay. They do not use the Bible in the school, as we had hoped they would and that is a great drawback in soliciting for the work, even though they may be all the time as Mrs. S. says imparting directky, religious instruction in other forms; still the Bible is the great foundation. It has been proposed for a long time to have an Ex. Com. at Santa Fe. Now, if Dr. Thomas, Mr. Riggle and Mr. Gough would be such a local Com. to whom Mrs. S. could appeal in all cases for sanction of what may be proposed and done for the school, I would think it very good. Mr. R. to be President of such Com. for I would like him to recognize it as the Mission School of our Board and the Mission of his Church, and that he should have oversight of it as such, visiting it frequently, giving it his care and protection, about all of which I will some day write him, after hearing from you.

In regard to the property, I wrote Dr. Thomas about it, and he was kind enough to reply and I put the letter in Mr. Eaton's hands, who told me this morning that he would write you at Santa Fe about it. We could not then treat about the property as we did not own it. Now, the For. B'd have deeded to us their share or are ready to do so, but it seems they do not find the Title. While we could not give away what was not ours, it may now be possible to make some compromise, if we cannot get the man off the land, and perhaps it might be better to do so, than entail any lawsuit, however unjust it might be that we should be compelled to such an issue. If you will talk it over with Dr. Thomas, it may perhaps aid in a settlement, which is very desirable. We want to know what is ours and then care for our own. Another point--Mrs. Sharon said, the school Commissioners would give $300 towards the school, which would support a (Miss Smith I think was the name)teacher who is in some way connected with some one of the Commissioners. What would be the effect of accepting that $300? Mrs. S. was rather indignant that the question should be asked,if this would be a sort of compromise with the Com. to keep the Bible out of the school. Now, cannot the Bible be read in school? Should it not? We want to give the Gospel to schools. That is our need and aim.

Mr. Eaton sent some money to Dr.Thomas for repairs on building-(not as much as you estimated but what we hoped was necessary for present immediate demands, leaving the rest for a time of more money in the Treasury. Will you add to your former kind efforts by seeing what has been done. Mrs. S. had two teachers,which was considerable expense. Would it be better do you think to send another lady from here to divide the labor with her? In all these points, my dear Brother, I want you to use the greatest discretion, to see hear and judge and not commit us to anything. You know this was our first love, our first work, and we want to do all that we can. And this reminds me to bring to you another thing,which has troubled our ladies considerably--After our return from Saratoga, I wrote an account of our Home meeting, which was thought to have been very interesting, and I sent it to Cincinnati with request to publish in Rocky Mt.; and also another copy for Herald and Presbyter,but no notice was taken in either paper. We should like some times to print something in Rocky Mt. which formerly copied many of our articles and letters,though not always giving credit to our Mission Field--I would like at request of our Ex.Com.to send something for next No.- but no use if it is not to be inserted. I shall be very glad of all you can send us about Alaska-- I have just received $50 for a scholarship. I hope it was settled with Mrs. McFarland about amounts to be paid for scholarships so as to have no more feeling or uncertainty about it. Mrs.Griffith writes her willingness to return to Albuquerque. What do you think of it? Will her health allow it? Excuse me if I have omitted anything to be answered, for my letter is too long already, and I write in haste for to-day's mail.

Yours very truly,
Julie M. Graham.

Nov. 29, 1879.

Dear Brother:

I drop you a few lines this day to thank you for your letter. I was very much surprised at Mrs. Sharon's letter informing me of her marriage, and discouraged by another one saying, that there were scandalous stories afloat on the subject. You said her marriage would make no difference about the school, but she has left Santa Fe to be absent several weeks, and all of course is left in the hands of her sister, of whom we know absolutely nothing but from her, and your few words of recommendation. This school is always a subject of great anxiety to me, and I hardly know what to say or do about the teacher. I had a letter from Mrs.Griffith offering to go back and take the school, but this cannot be. If we have to send or employ other teachers, they must be first rate ones. I do not consider Mrs. G. is such, nor that her health is sufficient for the position. She tells me that Albuquerque is now occupied. Is there any other point to which she can go to open a work? I think she is well adapted to some kinds of work--could run a small school, do Bible work, &c. How is it with Mesilla or you can name something better. I believe we lost Albuquerque by not being able to say what the H. Board would allow. We had a meeting with the school committee the other day, and some of these points were discussed and settled. They were kind enough to accept and enter into many of our views, so that it was quite a gratifying interview, and the meeting was of their appointment . As we must settle about Mrs.Griffith, may I have a few lines from you soon? We may not be able to do anything now it is so late in the season. She asks advances from the Board on property which I know they will not make as it is not in their line, and some other propositions unacceptable, but I should like to do something for her.

Yours truly,
J. M. Graham.

January 26, 1880.

Dear Brother:

I am sure that the ladies of our Committee will be pleased to make their arrangements to meet you at my rooms, 48 West 10th St., at the time you name,-Thursday Feb. 19, at 10 o'clock,A.M. We shall be very glad if we can decide upon some points,through your advice and suggestions,leaving all to that time.

I am yours very truly, J.M.Graham.

The Ladies Board of Missions of the
Presbyterian Church,
New York.
June [illegible], 1881.

Dear Dr.Jackson:

I wrote you to San Francisco and hope that you will be on the ground and very busy, before this reaches you. I find that the idea of forming a Christian Indian village,is very popular and a great many questions are asked,some of which I am quite unable to answer. I shall look with much interst to hear from you as soon as possible and with all the details you can give,that we may have something tangible to offer this fall. A lady wrote to ask what a saw-mill would cost, but of this I am as ignorant as a man in the moon--but I shall inquire I do not know that she intended to do anything, but perhaps she would start a subscription, if you have not secured itelsewhere. I heard also that Mrs.Darley had written that she expected to go with her husband this fall and open the school which I was very glad to learn. I presume for a time no other teacher would be needed, but if in the course of time,would one have to go from herehow could she get there, and would not the expense be very large? Ladies are asking about getting a Box there; please give me information about this. Would it pay to send. Of course bedding and other things would be needed. I have seen a lady who was a Missionary in the Sandwich Islands,and is a very good teacher. It occurred to me whether she would be willing to go out-but I said nothing as perhaps she might never be wanted and some one could be had nearer--only we are learning to keep our eyes open, and keep planning. I shall look also to hear from Fort Wrangell and our work there. I am as busy as ever. Summer has not as yet brought me any rest. We are in the city and the weather has continued cool until within a few days. We are thinking of moving next week, but only to No. 22, a few doors nearer Fifth Avenue. We shall have large accommodations, and I trust a pleasant landlord. Our's being a woman now of a most disturbing disposition. I write in haste.

Yours most truly,
Julia M. Graham.

Specify anything to be done and how.

New York, Oct. 5, 1880.

My dear Friend:

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New York, October 5, 1880.

My dear Friend:

I am sorry to learn from Dr. Kendall that you had been at Philadelphia and I had not seen you. I went on for the Ladies meeting, but had to return here Thursday. Had I know you were there I should certainly have tried to have an interview, as there were so many things to consult you about.

I was quite overwhelmed at the thought of Mrs. Perkins leaving Santa Fe, and thus causing another break in the school. When she was here, we fully discussed all things concerning arrangements for the winter, and future plans for the prosperity of the school, and I looked forward to a good work in planting the school on solid foundation. What Mrs.perkins would say to such an entire change of ground I do not know. If she left Santa Fe I do not know whom we could send in her place. She told me when East, that her husband was a Smelter and in the course of a year or two, they might wish to go to Mexico, where he could carry on his business, but before that time came I thought the school would be on such a basis that some one might easily be found to take it up when Mrs.Perkins would leave it. Her knowledge of the Spanish is a great thing, also for the school. Nowwould it not be breaking up one good work for another? I can not but feel so, while I shall interpose no obstacle and leave it open for her decision on consultation with you. The more important work certainly ought to be considered, and which is the more so?

Dr.Kendall spoke to me about Maj.Breeden's proposition that we should divide the property with him if he could secure it--No doubt he sees his way clear to get it and expects a very good bargain. My husband had a very full talk about it with Mr.Perkins, who understands it thoroughly and gave very sensible views on it.Mr.G. was a lawyer and says there is not the slightest doubt about the title and that we should gain any suit in the Supreme Court of the U. S. Maj. B. will be too sharp for you --he knows his way for he has contributed largely to the present difficulty, as Mr.Perkins will show you I wish however it was settled. The very fact that Mr. Hughes had power to lease the ground knows that it was then recognized as belonging to us--As we left it to the Home Board to act for us, they ought to be informed of every particular and take action. I asked Dr.Kendall to write you about it. I shall be glad to hear the result, that it is all settled.

Yours in Christ,
J. M. Graham.

We engaged to take the school at Socorro under Mrs. Kelton.

Ladies Board of Missions, New York,
Oct.22,1880.

Dear Brother:

I intended writing you as soon as I could communicate with Dr.Kendall,but he has been out of the city attending Synods and does not return until Saturday night--possibly not then. I had a letter from Mrs.Perkins in regard to the removal to the Navajo Station,from which I inferred that she rather looked favorably upon it. Our Executive Committee felt quite strongly the disadvantage of the many changes in the school at Santa Fe,and their desire that the Perkins should stay in the school. Still, asI said, the most important work must be the great end in view and I leave it to Providence to overrule. Should Mr. McGaughey satisfy the people as a Preacher and his wife be competent for the school it may be all right in the end, but I do trust that you will let Mr. P. go to the work and let Mrs.P.remain until she could fairly and fully induct another into her place. Dr. K. had a Mr. Boyd in view I think whose daughter was a fine teacher, but perhaps more for a higher education. I will let you hear as soon as I have consulted Dr. K.

Very truly
J. M. Graham.

New York, Oct. 28, 1880.

My dear Friend:

I take my pen for a few words,after watching for 5 nights with my husband who had a very serious accident being knocked down by the pole of a lumber wagon,breaking the breast bone and occasioning serious injuries. Tonight I begin to hope that he is to be spared to me--but I am so weary that I can only say a few words. I was not able to see Dr.Kendall on account of this accident but Mrs.Hartt went down for me,and her report was that which I gave you without seeing him. that there was a Dr.Boyd who was going if not in Santa Fe whom Dr. K. had in view for the church and his daughter for the school--but would think well of Mrs.McGaughey if there was no engagement with the first one. I think you must arrange with Mrs.Perkins that she remain until some one is ready to take her place so that the school should not suffer,also until the one taking it should get acquainted with her plans and method of running it--I am not able to write her, but beg you to give her my affectionare remembrances. Mr. G. needs me every moment.

Yours respectfully, Julia M. Graham.

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22 West 10th St., New York, N.Y.
Dec. 3, 1881.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I have thought if you were going to be in the city next Wednesday morning, I should be glad to have you come in to our Ex. Com. at 11 1/2, as our ladies would like to ask you some things in regard to the Hydah Mission, and decide about the Hoonah, which I reather think we shall have to decline.

Yours truly,
J. M. Graham.

New York, Dec. 23, 1881.

My dear Friend:

Many thanks for the account about the Hydahs, came just in time. I saw the enclosed article in the Missionary Outlook published at Toronto by the Methodist Society. Do you think the Methodists will set up a mission at Hydah, or shall we have so great a start, that the ground will be our's? I have not yet heard that Mrs. McFarland had got back to Wrangell, but a letter came to Dr. Kendall from Victoria--so next accounts will probably be from the Home. Should you decide to come on here and be in the city about third Monday, so I can have a quarterly meeting for you to represent Alaska, please let me know in time---say ten days ahead---I did not receive the Map from Washington. Is Government going to do anything for schools in Alaska? Hope you found your wife better.

Very truly,
Julia M. Graham.

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23 Centre Str., New York, Nov. 8, 1879.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of the 17th instant was duly received and accepted with gratitude.

We do most sincerely hope that the mission on Kodiak Island may be established. Great bodies move slowly and it may be delayed--All we know yet in time it will be done. Dr. Kendall is full of interesting and droll remarks and descriptions of his late tour.

We hope to hold a series of Conventions again in our Synod this coming winter. Perhaps it may be our pleasure to welcome and listen to you at some of them. I hope so most sincerely.

The outlook of our Society, or Committee I should have said, is very encouraging. Our recipts have reached the amount of $5,734.45. Our President, Mrs. Green, has been brought back to us safely from Europe. We are greatly strengthened by the addition of new members to our Committees in the various Synods.

Hope that another year all may make these appointments.

Yours very respectfully,
M. E. Boyd.

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23 Centre Str., New York, May 9, 1879.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dr. Roberts approves fully of our securing the Kadiak Station. I have written to Dr. Kendall about it--also to Mrs. Green asking her to call an extra meeting of our Executive Committee for business at Saratoga. That is the best we can do about the matter just now. I hope to go to Saratoga the evening of 14th instant.

If you think we might have more copies of Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to distribute at our meeting, of course they would be acceptable---only we do not want to impose upon your liberality.

I have asked Montfort & Co. whether they could wait before publishing June No. for a Report of our Meeting at Saratoga the 23rd. They refer the matter for you to decide. We should want extra room in that case--as all our "copy" for May had gone astray so strangely.

I will write to Miss Whiteley at Baltimore (D.V.) If you can, please write out the advantages of the Kadiak Station, I can bring before the business meeting of our Executive Committee at Saratoga---What about Sitka?

Direct care Dr. Bedortha--Continental Hotel,
Saratoga, N. Y.

Yours respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

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23 Centre Str., New York, May 12th, 1879.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Galesburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Thank you again for every suggestion--Yours of the 7th is just at hand. What an encouragement in all our weakness to know you are praying for us daily.

If Mrs. Norcross will come, your $10.00 may be called for. I have ventured to write again, saying funds were provided if that would decide her to come.

I have written again to Mrs. Scovel and Mrs. McNair Wright--also to Miss Lauderdale of Geneseo. We have Mrs. Hewett of Helena, Mrs. George Little of Omaha, Mrs. Gallagher from Utah for our morning meeting thus far--and Messrs. Hewitt, Gallagher, McMillan, and Dr. S. I. Prime of Observer engaged for afternoon--and I expect to go to Saratoga on Wednesday eve the 14th. We shall have a business meeting of our Executive Committee then (D.V.) and decide I hope on Kodiak and Sitka and other missions you propose. Send facts please about Sitka and Kodiak, as to whether buildings can be had in both places free of rent.

We have offered to Mrs. J. L. Graham to have Mrs. Smith of New Mexico speak in afternoon on the special work of her Society there. I am more afraid about the ladies' voices being heard in the church than as to what they may say.

We want a full report to go out--Can the Rocky Mountain for June wait for it? Montfort & Co. write it depends upon you. In that case we shall need extra room as all our appeals etc. for May number went astray.

Miss Ella Young of Parkersburg cannot come--I had written twice.

I hope Mrs. W. E. Dodge will be there from New York and have time to get others. I should think many who come from Foreign Missionary meeting of the 22nd would stay over. I have written to Mrs. Pyle of College Hill also.

What do you mean by a thorough canvas of the Synods next Fall? We propose a Resolution asking each Synod to appoint a Synodical Committee, and have asked Mrs. J.

McN.Wright to talk to that. What more can we do, except to get this into the hand of some friend in every Synod.

Dr. Paxton said last winter that if the women appointed in New York Synod would not help us, and indeed continued to oppose us, he would have others appointed--or at least a larger number, so that we could secure the help needed in our Executive Committee for Secretaries, etc.

It must be a real comfort to you, dear Sir, to know the Lord knows all about your efforts--tho others may misunderstand them.

Yours very truly,
F.E.H.Haines, Secretary.
